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Anger at 20p rise in cost of prescriptions

Doctors fear increase will deter visits by patients

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

The Government faced angry protests yesterday as it announced that prescription charges are to go up by 8 per cent from April 1, an increase higher than the rate of inflation but broadly in line with the increased cost of medicines.

The Government also confirmed the introduction of a new system of charging for dental treatment, based on 75 per cent of the cost, subject to a maximum of £150, which will bring in an extra £17 million.

The prescription charges go up by 20p to £2.60 to bring in £10 million for the Treasury.

Last night doctors, trade unions and health watchdogs attacked the 20p rise which they said would deter patients from seeking medical help.

The British Medical Association said the doctors treating patients on low incomes who were not in the exempted categories were extremely worried about the possible cost of treatment and are reluctant to come forward.

The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, which represents the 10,500 high street chemists in England and Wales, said that already 2,000 people a week were forgoing some part of their prescription item because of the cost.

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Leading the attack on the increases was Mr Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on health and social security, who said the rises would take place against the background of a huge surplus of Treasury revenues, to be used for handouts in the Budget.

But the Government tempered it with the news of £7 million improvements in the health service voucher scheme to help young people and the needy with the cost of spectacles, free supplies of blood glucose testing strips to diabetics on prescription from June 1 at a cost of £8 million, and new exemptions from dental charges for young people.

The changes were outlined in the Commons by Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Health. He responded to opposition accusations that the increased charges would deter people from taking up all of their prescriptions because of the cost by saying that last year's increase of 20p had been followed by the largest increase in the number of prescriptions dispensed for some years.

Department of Health and Social Security sources said later that an estimated 335 million items were dispensed last year, compared with 322 million the previous year, and 303 million in 1980.

Mr Newton announced that:

- Prescription charges to rise by 20p from £2.40 to £2.60. Four-monthly season ticket to increase by £1 to £13.50; annual season ticket by £2.50 to £37.50.
- Exemption from paying prescription charges to be extended young people under 19 while in full-time education.
- New dental charging system to apply for all routine dental treatment and crowns from April 1; charges for dentures and bridges to be fixed at about same 75 per cent level. Cost of more limited courses of routine treatment will fall; scale and polish and two small fillings will come down from £14.20 to £10.65.
- Spectacle vouchers to be increased from £14.25 to £15.50, a rise of almost 9 per cent for the lowest value voucher and from £66 to £85, a rise of 28 per cent, for the highest value voucher.
- Contact lenses to be available through the voucher system; small increases in maximum charges for expensive lenses bought through the hospital eye service by people not entitled to vouchers; new payments of up to £4 for photochromic glasses, £30 for special frames and £30 for children needing small frames.
- Free blood glucose testing strips for diabetics from June 1.
- Young people of 16 and 17, already exempt from charges for dental treatment, also to be exempt for dentures and bridges.
- Charges for overseas visitors to rise by 8.1 per cent for in-patients and 6.5 per cent for out-patients.

Mr Cook said it was the tenth increase in prescription charges since the Government came to office. The charge was now 13 times what it was in 1979, an increase wildly in excess of the increase in the cost of medicines in that period.



Mr Cook alleged that many drugs were now cheaper to obtain on the retail price than on prescription. It was wrong that people should be priced out of the treatment they needed, and that the chronically ill should be charged for prescriptions at all.

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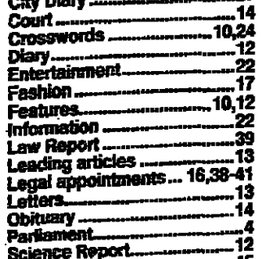
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● A disturbing new series reveals how tax inspectors are pressed to get results — and how they pass on the pressure to the taxpayers.

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Tutu arrested in Cape Town protest



Archbishop Tutu being led away by police in Cape Town yesterday after attempting to lead a march on Parliament.

Bomb kills terrorist in Armagh

By John Cooney

At least one terrorist was killed yesterday in a bomb blast near the Northern Ireland border village of Crossmaglen which had all the hallmarks of a premature explosion.

Last night the area in Co Armagh was still sealed off by security forces who confirmed that human remains could be observed. An eyewitness suggested that there might be three bodies.

The blast left a crater 4ft deep and 12ft wide on a side road off the main Newry road.

A police spokesman said that a bomb disposal unit would examine the scene at first light today.

A van was destroyed and two cars were badly damaged. Police were investigating a report that a van had been hijacked earlier in the day. No members of the security forces were involved.

● The IRA last night claimed that a device which injured two policemen in Belfast yesterday morning was a new type of directional landmine packed with shrapnel.

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Police break up clergy march on Parliament

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African police yesterday arrested the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and about 100 other clergymen of all races as they tried to present a petition to Parliament protesting against last week's restrictions on 18 black opposition organizations.

Also among those held was Dr Allan Boesak, the moderator of the Coloured (mixed-race) branch of the Dutch Reformed Church and the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. The clerics were all released later after being told that investigations were being made into possible charges against them.

Archbishop Tutu declared after his release that he and church colleagues who taken part in the "historic" protest represented 12 million South African Christians and they could not be dismissed as "the usual bunch of rabble or rabble-rousers". He said that the Church must "continue to make this witness" and "be obedient to God".

The police action came as the clergymen, in full regalia, left a service in St George's Anglican Cathedral, Cape Town, to walk four abreat, arm-in-arm, the few hundred yards to the parliament building. The drama was played out before the startled gaze of foreign diplomats who had attended the service.

At one point, a police water cannon was deployed and turned on the clergy, bowling some of them over, as they sat or kneeled on the pavement and prayed and sung hymns.

In Parliament, the leader of the liberal Progressive Federal Party (PFP), Mr Colin Eglin, noted the "interesting contrast" between the treatment meted out to the clergy and events in Pretoria last weekend when hundreds of members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), many of them armed with guns and truncheons, were allowed to march to the Union Buildings, the seat of South African government.

At the cathedral service yesterday, Dr Boesak, ever a master of the politically apposite biblical allusion, read a lesson from chapter 13 of St Luke's Gospel, which contains Jesus's famous rebuke to the Pharisees: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee!"

By prior arrangement, the 400 or so members of the congregation, consisting almost entirely of clergymen, left the cathedral

Archbishop Tutu and Dr Boesak, who were in the front row, were told by a police officer that they were guilty of taking part in an illegal gathering and, along with other clerics in the first two or three rows, were bundled into a waiting van. The rest of the procession then moved to the other side of the road where they again sat down

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● LONDON: Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday urged the South African Government to think again about its sweeping curbs on the anti-apartheid organizations, warning that the measures were a prescription for despair and violence (Richard Ford writes). In the Commons, he condemned the clampdown on the groups and the arrest of Archbishop Tutu.

Trade gap hits Budget hopes

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's trade slumped to a record deficit in January, underlining the vulnerability of the balance of payments as the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, puts the finishing touches to his Budget.

Treasury officials tried to put a brave face on the figures, which showed a record visible trade deficit of just over £1.5 billion, and a current account deficit of £905 million.

But there is little doubt that the figures have added to the need for a cautious approach in the March 15 Budget, with the Chancellor unlikely to cut *taxes by more than £3 billion* for fear of accelerating the deterioration of the balance of payments as more imports are sucked in.

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Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's Trade Spokesman, said that the figures were "the worst possible way to begin 1988."

"The Chancellor should heed the warnings provided by these figures, invest in the health service and cut interest rates to boost competitiveness," he said.

Exports fell by £634 million to £6.18 billion last month, and the upward trend appears to have flattened out over the latest three months. Imports also slipped, by £139 million to £7.69 billion, but their underlying trend remains upwards.

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, expressed his worries about pay trends in the economy, and their effect on industry's competitiveness. He said that while the recent inflation performance had been good, "trends in wage bargaining, against a background of slower growth in productivity, are less reassuring."

The Treasury, citing a sharp fall in exports to the European Community, said that the January trade figures may have been distorted, although the Department of Trade and Industry, which prepares the statistics, said there was no firm evidence to support this claim.

Even so, the doubts cast over the accuracy of the figures helped the financial markets to recover after initially falling. The FT-SE 100 share index closed 2.3 points up at 1,768.8.

But City economists expect the current account deficit to be at least £5 billion this year, double the £2.5 billion of last year. And a major giveaway Budget would create concern in the financial markets.

ITV promises to fight any franchise auction

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Television programme standards are bound to suffer if the Government auctions the franchises for Britain's 15 commercial stations when they run out in 1992, Mr David Shaw, director of the ITV assocation, said last night.

Although there was confusion and obfuscation in Whitehall last night whether the Cabinet committee considering broadcasting policy has yet agreed on such a radical proposal, Mr Shaw said he was in no doubt it would be included in the Government White Paper due to be published this summer.

"I think we have always had a desperate feeling it would be there. We will lobby very hard indeed because it is a serious obstacle to the quality and strength of the ITV system."

Apparent Government blessing for the auction proposal is also causing concern to some investors in British Satellite Broadcasting, which plans four new national television channels by Christmas 1989. At least one corporate investor is known to be reviewing its stake

Waldheim review lifts veil on SBS

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Former members of Britain's wartime commando forces were urged yesterday to come forward with evidence that might cast light on the role of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian president, in the interrogation of six captured servicemen who were later executed.

Mr Ian Stewart, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, made the appeal in the Commons as he announced that Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, master of St John's College, Cambridge, and a historian who is an expert on secret operations during the Second World War, is to scrutinize the results of the new Ministry of Defence review of the case.

The Prime Minister announced last month that the files on the six commandos, captured while on Special Boat Squadron reconnaissance off the Aegean island of Alimnia, and executed after being interrogated at the German army headquarters where Dr Waldheim was a junior officer, were being reopened.

Her decision came after the report of the independent international commission of historians, which had access to a wider range of sources than the Ministry of Defence investigation in 1986, into Dr Waldheim's war record.

Mr Stewart, to whom the review team will report, said in a Commons reply that the inquiry would re-examine all aspects relating to the fate of the servicemen.

The report is to be published; Mr Stewart's appeal means that members of the SBS will effectively be relieved of their lifetime obligation to remain secret about their wartime activities.

Top men missed Tube fire

Despite desperate attempts to contact them, the two most senior officers of the London Ambulance Service only heard of the King's Cross underground station fire while watching television news about 75 minutes after the inferno had killed 31 people.

Mr Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras, yesterday released the confidential log of the ambulance service for November 18. It showed that Mr Bob Walton, the chief ambulance officer, and Mr Tom Crosby, his deputy, both telephoned the ambulance incident room just after 9 pm, at least 45 minutes after all surviving casualties had been taken to hospital.

Mr Dobson also revealed that the fourth ambulance at the scene arrived 27 minutes after the initial call.

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Viewers claim TV political bias favours Tories

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Political bias on television surged to record levels last year, with the Conservative Party being seen as the main beneficiary, according to viewers.

Almost a third of television audiences believe BBC1 favoured a particular party during the general election year. Just under a quarter said the bias was in favour of the Tories.

The findings are included in a report by the Independent Broadcasting Authority on public attitudes to broadcasting, which also discloses that people are more concerned by bad language on the screen than sex and violence. However, their biggest complaint by far concerns the number of repeat programmes.

Although a majority of viewers believe ITV and the BBC are politically impartial the number who detect bias on all four channels rose sharply last year to the highest level since records began in 1975.

The IBA report shows the public believe the BBC was firmly on the Government's side, even while Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative chairman, launched a prolonged attack against alleged political bias and journalistic standards of the BBC.

Even BBC2 viewers who believe the channel is biased think it favours the Conservatives. The IBA survey shows that by contrast viewers see bias within ITV as evenly split between the Conservatives and Labour. Channel 4 is seen as being more sympathetic to Labour by the small proportion of people who think it is biased.

In general election years in 1979 and 1983, there was no change in viewers' perception of bias by television channels. IBA officials are unable to explain the sudden surge. The report suggests viewers "may have been casting a more considered, critical eye over the many political matters covered by television during general election years, or had been influenced by press coverage of this issue".

Dr Barry Gunter, IBA head of research, said yesterday: "We don't have in any detail precise reasons why there should have been an increase over and above surmizing some of these events were high in the public conscience for a short while and therefore perhaps resulted in the public thinking more widely about political matters".

Mr David Glencross, IBA director of television, said that because political divisions were sharper than before, "that is reflected in the way people respond to television".

The survey of 1,138 people aged 16 and over shows that although nearly 60 per cent believe programme standards stayed the same or improved last year, the proportion who said standards had fallen increased by seven per cent to 41 per cent.

Only one in 20 mentioned violence, sex or bad language as reasons for declining standards.

A Granada Television *World in Action* programme, called Taming of the Beeb, claimed last night that the BBC was in danger of becoming a state broadcasting corporation because of its alleged subservience to the *Government*.

Attitudes to Broadcasting in 1987 (IBA, 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1EY; free).

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Secret £10,000 to free Heysel eight

A businessman from the North-west yesterday gave £10,000 to free the last eight Liverpool football supporters still held in a Belgian jail on manslaughter charges arising out of the Heysel Stadium riot in which 39 people died in 1985.

Bail for the 20 still in prison was set at £2,000 each last Friday but, because the families of some of them were unable to raise all the cash, it seemed as if eight would have to stay in Louvain Prison, outside Brussels, until trial. Yesterday, however, the businessman put up the £10,000 which should enable all the men to be released today.

Sir Harry Livermore, the Liverpool solicitor who represents half of the 26 men originally charged, said: "I cannot reveal the identity of the businessman who came up with the money. He took the attitude that, regardless of the charges they faced, these men had not been found guilty of anything and should not be prevented from being on bail simply because of their families' personal circumstances."

14 held in raids

Grandparents, parents and children of the same family were being questioned last night after a series of dawn raids by detectives investigating allegations of serious sexual offences against children.

Fourteen people were arrested in raids on houses on the Broxtowe council estate in Nottingham.

The inquiry, the biggest of its kind in the city, began last October when Nottinghamshire County Council social workers called in the police. At that time 15 children were taken into care and made wards of court.

PC caught by driver

A police driver reported himself to his superiors after a motorist saw a defective tyre on his patrol car.

PC Alan James Hall, of Kelsic Park, Seaton, near Workington, Cumbria, admitted at Keswick Magistrates' Court yesterday to driving the car with less than 1 mm tread in a tyre. He was given an absolute discharge.

Police have refused to name the motorist, who was being questioned about possible obstruction of his number plate. The court was told the police car was regularly serviced and checked.

Conspiracy charges

Two men and a woman accused of conspiring to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, appeared at Lambeth Magistrates' Court, south London, amid tight security yesterday.

Finbar Cullen, aged 27, also known as John James Doyle, of Main Street Maynooth, Co Kildare, John McCann, aged 24, of Gilford Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin, and Martina Theresa Shanahan, aged 22, also known as Yvonne Walsh, of Loreto Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin, are accused of plotting to murder Mr King last year.

Worsnip stricken



Glyn Worsnip, the broadcaster, is suffering from a brain disease which is threatening his career.

The former presenter of *That's Life* on BBC television, who now hosts Radio 2's *Press Gang*, discovered two years ago he had Cerebellar syndrome, which is untreatable and affects speech.

In *A Lone Voice*, a Radio 4 documentary tomorrow, Mr Worsnip, aged 49, says colleagues assumed from the way he was slurring that he had been drinking. He is turning to writing documentaries.

Lords A-test claims

The Government argued in the House of Lords yesterday that it is legally immune from being sued for damages by hundreds of ex-servicemen who claim they suffered injury caused by radiation after witnessing British atomic and hydrogen bomb tests on Christmas Island in the late 1950s.

In a test case, former Lance-corporal Melvyn Pearce, aged 50, of Backwell, Bristol, claims that the blood cancer from which he now suffers was caused by exposure to radiation. The hearing before the law lords is expected to last two days.

Royal petition by student accused of cheating

By Andrew Morgan

Mr Francis Foecke, the former Bristol University student accused of cheating in his final examinations, said yesterday that he was to boycott an appeal hearing and instead send a petition directly to the Queen, the university's Visitor.

The appeal over a university tribunal ruling that Mr Foecke cheated in two of his finals papers in computer sciences and mathematics in 1986 is due to resume tomorrow.

But Mr Foecke says he will not have a fair hearing and that he cannot afford fees for legal representatives.

The appeal has so far been heard in stages over six days and another five days have been set aside but Mr Foecke says 20 days are needed to give him a fair hearing.

Mr Foecke, an American, sat 13 papers and a thesis equivalent to two more and received first-class marks in them all. The university claims that his marks were too good in two of the papers and his honours degree has been downgraded to an ordinary pass, deferred for five years from 1986.

Mr Foecke said yesterday: "I do not think I am ever going to get an objective hearing or an objective decision from the appeal committee because they are so close to the people who say I am guilty."

Mr Foecke and his wife, Priscilla, have spent £30,000 trying to disprove allegations that he illicitly achieved access to examination papers. Their paper-copying bill alone has so far cost more than £3,500.

His lawyers says that of the six days spent on his appeal so far, five were given over to establishing a procedural framework and peripheral matters and only one used to hear the technical evidence.

Mr Foecke is hoping that after his petition to the Queen, through the Lord President of Council, he will be granted a hearing before an eminent barrister, for which the National Union of Students has offered £2,000 towards costs.

Mr Guy Dorman, his solicitor, said: "We have had in mind the possibility of petitioning on these matters and it was a question as to how the appeal proceeded if we used it. What convinced us is that we have had access to documents which had not been seen previously and which reinforce our view that our petition was the proper course to take. We are petitioning on the grounds of a breach of natural justice".

The university still has not proved that Mr Foecke cheated during the examinations and a number of academics have supported him. But others claim there are too many similarities between his papers and the model answers.

They say he must have broken into the office holding the answers by stealing a master key and hiding in an air duct until everyone had gone home. Mr Foecke says he notched up the marks by 18-hour days of hard work. In his petition, which the university will receive today, Mr Foecke says the university behaved improperly in:

- Not giving him an oral examination to check his ability after the suspect exams;
- Failing to consider vital evidence at the tribunal which found him guilty;
- Demoting his first degree from honours to an ordinary pass, even though they say he only cheated in three exams;
- Dragging out the appeal by failing to give him vital papers and presenting new allegations at the appeal;
- Presenting new statements from lecturers now claiming he is guilty who originally said he was innocent at the start of the matter.

Mr Foecke said: "I do not think they realize what a devastating effect this has had on my wife and me.

At this stage Mr Foecke is not allowed to have his case heard in the civil courts but, if his petition to the Queen succeeds, the university could face a £100,000 damages suit.

He said: "I do not think I am ever going to get a fair hearing until I go outside the university."

The university said: "As far as we are concerned the appeal committee will meet as planned. It is a matter for Mr Foecke whether he or his lawyers turn up."

Council wins right to sue teachers for damages

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legal history was made yesterday when the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers became the first teaching union to be sued successfully by a local authority over strike action.

Hereford and Worcester County Council was given the go-ahead to continue its fight for £57,222 damages, the amount of ratepayers' money it says was wasted when the union's national executive instructed its members in the county to strike in November 1986 without a ballot.

The issue of damages will be decided at a hearing likely to take place later this year.

The council is claiming £9,000 for the cost of supply teachers, £222 for extra transport and £48,000 for wasted services.

More than 16,000 pupils were sent home or had their lessons disrupted when 590 union members obeyed the strike call.

Mr John Rogers, QC, the deputy High Court judge, said the union did not deny not holding a ballot although it "emphatically" denied the losses and damage claimed to have resulted.

After a two-and-a-half hour private hearing, he ruled the union had failed to satisfy him that there was a dispute over liability and said the action could go ahead on the claim for damages. By admitting its members had obeyed an instruction to strike without a ballot, the union had in effect conceded liability, he said.

Outside the court, Dr David Muffett, chairman of the education committee of Hereford and Worcester County Council, said other councils could follow suit if they had the well-being of children at heart.

He added he was not "anti-union, just pro-ratepayer".

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the union's deputy general secretary, said the main issue, the question of damages, was yet to be decided.

"We say you cannot quantify the effect of the strike in that way; the council is not like a profit-making organization."

He said that rather than re-opening old sores, the council would be better off fighting together with the union on some of "the worst excesses" of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Judges study plea for open hearings

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Hundreds of High Court hearings held in secret every week may be brought into open court if the Lord Chancellor implements a change in procedures being looked at by senior judges and lawyers.

The change, which comes up for discussion before the Supreme Court Procedure Committee this month, has been sought by senior judges and barristers.

At present, whether preliminary or interim High Court hearings, which on average total 50 and 100 a day, are heard in chambers or in open court depends to a large extent on what division of the High Court it is started in.

Hundreds of such hearings, many on issues of public interest, are therefore heard by a judge in chambers in the Queen's Bench Division, whereas the same matter, if started in the Chancery Division, would be held in open court.

Lord Justice Neill, chairman of the committee, said yesterday: "We have been considering this issue and it will be one of the items on the agenda at our next meeting".

Among judges who have urged reform of the system in recent months include two family division judges, Sir John Arnold, president of the Family Division until December, and Mrs Justice Booth.

Sir John said that it was wrong for hearings to be in chambers just because they took place in the Queen's Bench Division, while the same application would be heard in open court in the Chancery Division.

The test should be whether justice was better served by a chambers hearing, he said. In many cases of sorting out property and capital and income on divorce, the "automatic embargo" on open hearings went too far.

Last year the General Council of the Bar condemned the present system, saying reform was overdue. There was a "strong case" for changing the procedure so that all hearings would be before judges in open court, it said.

The exception would be where there was a clear public interest that they should be held in private, such as in family cases involving children.

Under the present system, a person bringing proceedings effectively has the choice of "whether to have justice done in private or in public", the Bar said.

Preliminary or interim hearings which might be held in private can involve matters of public interest, the Bar said. In industrial disputes, it is at these interim hearings that crucial issues often have to be dealt with and cannot wait for a full trial in open court.

Law change opens up Land Register

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Land Register will be open to the public within the next two years through a change in the law brought in by Lord Templeman, a law lord.

He won final approval for the important new right of public access when his Land Registration Bill went through all stages in the House of Commons without dissent at the end of business on Friday. It is due to receive royal assent later this month.

It will allow anyone to go to the 16 land registry offices around England and Wales and inspect the registry setting out who owns both freehold and leasehold land.

It will make it easier to find out the owners of derelict land and speed up conveyancing work. The registry in Scotland is already open to the public.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, supported the Bill so long as the land registry was given time to take on more staff.

The Law Commission urged the reform in 1984 and its supporters argued that almost all other countries granted open access to their land registration systems.

However, open access was opposed by the Country Landowners' Association and some sections of the Law Society on the ground that it could lead to more frauds involving false declaration of ownership of land.

Last night, Lord Templeman said he was delighted. "The present system creates delay and, in some cases, frustration."

The Lord Chancellor's Office says it will be between 18 months to two years before the public have access.

Gagged in a cry for freedom



Mrs Glenys Kinnock gagged herself outside South Africa House in central London yesterday to protest against the decision of the Pretoria government last week to ban 18 anti-apartheid organizations from carrying out activities. She is flanked by Louis Mahoney (left), an actor from the film *Cry Freedom* who represented Performers Against Racism, and Bishop Trevor Huddleston, of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, which co-ordinated the demonstration (Photograph: John Rogers).

Gales lash Britain

North Sea rigs break free

By Kerry Gill and David Sapsted

A North Sea exploration rig which broke free yesterday as Arctic gales lashed Britain was back under tow last night after being on a collision course with an oil platform for several hours.

More than 50 workers were involved in evacuations carried out in appalling weather before lines to the rig were restored.

Thirty-five of the 77 crew aboard the rig Santa Fe 135, operated by Amoco, were winched off by RAF and Norwegian helicopters yesterday after towlines to two tugs parted in 50 ft waves and 70 mph winds, 140 miles east of Aberdeen.

Fears that the wind-battered rig was on a collision course with the Cod oil platform in the Norwegian sector of the Oula field led to 19 men also being winched off the platform as a precaution.

Amoco later said, however, that towing links with the Santa Fe had been reconnected and that it was under control.

Another rig, Seamac 1, also lost her lines while under tow in Danish waters about 220 miles east of Scotland. Tugs later managed to restore a link.

Meanwhile, an abandoned Swedish cargo ship capsized and sank yesterday after drifting past several North Sea rigs and a lightship during Sunday night. It went down near busy shipping lanes 12 miles off the Dutch coast. The keel of the 18,500-tonne Vinca Gorthon was still showing above water last night.



All 17 crew were winched to safety on Sunday evening after the container ship began listing heavily in gales while on its way from Oskarshamn in Sweden to Antwerp.

RAF, Danish and German helicopters went to the aid of the Astrea, a roll-on roll-off ferry, after its cargo shifted. Coastguards reported later that the vessel no longer needed help.

The search continued for a Danish fishing boat, Gitte Liesa, missing since she reported that a wave had smashed her wheelhouse window on Sunday night.

Off the Essex coast, two fishermen were rescued when their cockle-shell sank in high winds near Shoeburyness. Another fishing boat picked them up and one of men was later taken by RAF helicopter to hospital, suffering from hypothermia.

The winds brought driving snow to Grampian, the north-west Highlands, and parts of Yorkshire and East Anglia yesterday. The Meteorological Office predicted continuing winds of 40 mph, gusting higher, over much of the country with snow most likely over parts of Scotland, the east of England and along the Irish Sea coast.

"There should be some respite from the raw winds over the next few days, particularly in the west, but generally it looks like being a cold week with northerly winds continuing to dominate", the London Weather Centre said.

There were problems on the roads in several areas, with police warning people in Grampian not to venture out unless absolutely necessary.

In London, high winds caused scaffolding to collapse on several vehicles in Camden Town, seriously injuring a van driver, trapping a woman pedestrian and damaging two buses and six cars.

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Jobs go in research cash cuts

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Cuts in government spending on environmental research are damaging the national interest, Mr Hugh Fish, chairman of the Natural Environmental Research Council, said yesterday.

The council is having to cut staff and there may be compulsory redundancies.

Mr Fish said the hiatus in geological surveying was affecting the forecasting of future supplies of hydrocarbon and other mineral resources. Assessment of the suitability of land to support new buildings and the possible risk to nuclear power stations from earth tremors, was also being hampered.

There was a pressing need to know more about water quality and risks from pesticide residues. Britain was also being urged by its European partners to obtain a better picture of what was happening to the North Sea.

More work needed to be done on the possible consequences of climatic changes, Mr Fish said.

The council says it needs an annual revenue of £150 million, compared with estimated revenue of just under £122 million in the next financial year.

RAF nuclear missile likely

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Government is expected to press ahead with the development of a stand-off nuclear missile for the RAF to replace the free-fall bombs which are at least 20 years old.

A stand-off air-launched cruise missile is on the list of options being studied by a high level Nato group for possible deployment in Europe after the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty which will eliminate all medium-range ground-launched missiles.

The nuclear weapon options are likely to be discussed by the Nato heads of government this week.

The Prime Minister has emphasized that she wants Britain's nuclear weapons to be up-dated. She is believed to be in favour of developing a stand-off nuclear missile for the RAF's Tornado aircraft.

The Ministry of Defence rejected a report that a decision had been taken by Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

However, it is likely that an estimated budget for a new missile for the RAF will have been included in the long-term costings exercise at the Ministry of Defence.

Prescott defies Kinnock

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Mr John Prescott openly defied Mr Neil Kinnock last night by pressing on with his crusade for a new campaigning role for Labour's deputy leader.

He said that the party could no longer ignore its "chronic membership crisis" and that the key to a revival lay in an overhaul of the job currently held by Mr Roy Hattersley, who doubles as chief home affairs spokesman.

Mr Prescott, shadow energy spokesman, said that a resolution to that effect would be put before Labour's annual conference in Blackpool in the autumn. If carried, it would mean the deputy leader would no longer hold a key parliamentary departmental shadow portfolio, he added.

Mr Prescott's decision to pursue his case puts him on a collision course with Mr Kinnock.

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Spying out a case of 'commercial optimism'

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

Sotheby's is sending an expert to the Isle of Man today to seek further information on a painting scheduled for sale next week, after a leading authority challenged claims made in its catalogue.

Later this week it will invite William Feaver, one of two world experts, to inspect the work, a watercolour sketch entitled "Joshua Spying out the Land of Canaan" by the eccentric artist John Martin (1789-1854). It appears that, had the other of the two world experts, Michael Campbell, not objected to the certainty of claims made in Sotheby's catalogue for its sale on March 10, it would have been sold without question.

This incident comes three months after a provincial auction house was fined under the Trades Descriptions Act for wrongly describing a painting in their catalogue, and brings into question the methods of research undertaken by auction houses to authenticate works of art, in the light of the huge prices some of them command.

Mr Campbell's involvement came about because Sotheby's, which regularly seeks free advice from experts, had requested information on "The Assuaging of the Waters", another, more important painting by John Martin that will be sold on March 9, with an estimate of £300,000.

He saw a photograph of "Joshua Spying out the Land of Canaan", estimated at £35,000 to £50,000, a painting which had not been mentioned to him, while browsing through *Sotheby's Preview* magazine to confirm his research had been printed. He recalled that an unconvincing version of the same subject was sold at Sotheby's in 1979, and contacted the auction house. At first it said it was satisfied with its attribution, but when he returned with two documents, by himself and Mr Feaver, it began to take notice.

In his document, Mr Feaver says the painting is "clearly a version of the drawing in the Manx Museum; and there is a strong possibility that it is a version done later, by a member of the family . . . it would appear to me a little fanciful to ascribe the drawing to Martin with certainty". Mr Campbell says: "I believe that it would be misleading and less than prudent to describe it as anything other than 'attributed to John Martin' in the light of the evidence available".

Over the weekend, Mr Feaver summarized his feelings about research undertaken by auction houses. "I think they are commerical optimists. For some years I felt that supplying them with advice was serving the interests of scholarship. Now I am less than co-operative."

He said that another instance of "commerical optimism" happened four years ago when Sotheby's sold another work attributed to John Martin, "The Celestial City and the River of Bliss", to Richard Fagen, the American art dealer, for £7,000. "At the time, I said it might conceivably be by John Martin, but in the catalogue they referred to a picture in my book which was nothing like it."

Joshua Spying first appeared at Sotheby's in 1979, with a confident attribution, and acknowledgement to Mr Feaver for helping to confirm that fact, but Mr Feaver, it appears, was only sent a photograph of the work, to which he sent a routine reply. It sold for £20,000, a record for the artist, to an anonymous buyer.

Now, both experts are concerned for potential buyers of the painting.

Yesterday, James Miller, Sotheby's expert, speaking about the John Martin, said: "I do believe it is genuine, but everybody's fallible. Questions like these do turn up from time to time. I want to get to the truth."

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NHS wards filthy as private cleaning fails, says report

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Privatization of ancillary services in the National Health Service has led to detiorating standards, poor hospital hygiene and appalling working conditions, according to a report published by the Association of London Authorities today.

The report, which details failings in contracts awarded to the private sector in London hospitals, also says that competitive tendering has resulted in lower standards even when contracts have been awarded in-house, because of cuts in staffing levels.

A visit to Westminister Hospital, central London, where the cleaning contract had been awarded to a private company, disclosed broken glass on the floor of the antenatal ward which had not been cleaned for two days.

There were filthy floors and dusty shelves in the treatment room where sterile dressings and equipment were stored and dirty cups, overflowing ashtrays and spillages which had not been cleaned up in the patients' day room.

In Hampstead, north-west London, six nursing sisters from surgical wards at the Royal Free hospital supported a protest letter from the Royal College of Nursing representative complaining of the dangers to patients from falling hygiene standards.

"A dirty bath could lead to infection in a wound. A dirty floor could mean a patient falling down. If we don't fill in with these tasks no one else will", one nurse said.

The protest letter referred to dust and fur collecting under beds, mouldy food found behind a locker and stains left for six days on the floor.

Although the cleaning contract was awarded in-house, the number of staff was cut by 57. "This new job-slashing tender has left nurses cleaning toilets, mopping floors and clearing away rubbish", the report says.

As a result of staff cuts the number of man hours spent cleaning a 28-bed ward has been cut from 21 to 12 hours.

"Public fear about our health service has never been higher. This report shows that privatization has adversely affected standards of patient care", Mr Roger Harris, chairman of the ALA health committee, said.

"As local authorities prepare for compulsory competitive tendering this sad tale should be a lesson to us all — that privatization does not lead to efficient, clean and caring public services but is a recipe for ruining them."

Meanwhile, nurses from at least six hospitals in Wales are to stage a 24-hour strike today, St David's Day, in protest over health service spending.

Although emergency cover will be provided, some operations have been cancelled at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, because theatre staff were planning to walk out from 8am.

More than 4,000 Welsh hospital workers are expected to support the action in a number of rallies and demonstrations.

Nurses from Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, who are members of Nupe, are sending a huge spray of daffodils to Mrs Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street with a message that the flowers are in memory of the Aneurin Bevan, founder of the National Health Service.

● General practioners feel that they should be given greater financial rewards for night visits and are to consider whether to press for patients to be charged for those services.

A report from a British Medical Association working party, which will be discussed at the GPs' annual conference in June, puts forward a series of options on payments for out of hours work.

The working party, chaired by Dr David Williams, was set up after last year's conference.

Among the thing it also considered was a right for doctors to opt out of providing night visits.

Under the present system, GPs receive about £3,485 to cover the 108 hours of weekly out of hours work, representing 7 per cent of total payments to GPs. Although the proportion has stayed at that level for 20 years, the number of claims for night visits has trebled during the same period.

Setting Churchill to music



By Andrew Billen

Robert Hardy and Virginia McKenna taking a break on the first day of rehearsals for Winnie, a musical based on the life of Winston Churchill, which will open in London at the end of May.

Mr Hardy, in the title role, is returning to the part he played in Southern Films' ITV series The Wilderness Years, which covered Churchill's life from 1929, when he lost government office, to the outbreak of war.

Miss McKenna plays his wife, Clementine, in the musical, which is set in a Berlin opera house in 1945.

Winnie, which will feature songs of the period and new songs by Lionel Bart, receives its première at the Opera House, Manchester, on Thursday, April 21.

Offensive against paedophile groups

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government plans to bring in a new offence of possessing child pornography in an attempt to break paedophile groups.

The offence, the first aimed at the possessor of pornographic photographs, films and videos rather than the distributor, is to be added to the Criminal Justice Bill which is now going through the Commons.

Announcing the measure yesterday, Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, said: "There is pretty good reason to believe that there are quite a number of paedophile cells operating and they are passing material around between them".

These existed particularly in London and big provincial cities and drew members from all social classes.

The new offence was important because it indirectly hit at those who exploited children by taking photographs and such pornography was an incitement to child abuse.

He said the move was not excessive. "Most people would regard trafficking in the repulsive trade of child pornography as worse than possessing the sordid end product.

"But if we are to stop the exploitation of children for this filthy trade, we must act against those without whom it would not exist: the people who buy child pornography."

There was a big gap in the law. If police found pornography in the possession of someone suspected of being involved in a paedophile ring they could not seize it or charge that person.

Under the new offence, possession of indecent photographs of children under 16 will be punishable by a fine of up to £2,000 on summary conviction.

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

£2,000 win boost for party

A twenty-first wedding anniversary party will be given a boost with a £2,000 share of the Portfolio competition prize.

Mr Michael Waters, aged 48, an engineer, of Ruxley Lane, West Ewell, Surrey, said: "My wife Mary and I are planning our twenty-first this year. This will come in really useful and we won't have to have a holiday in a tent."

Yesterday's £4,000 prize will be shared by Mr Kenneth Jackson, aged 68, a retired manager, of Wykeham Road, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey.

He said he had played the competition since it started and intended to spend his windfall on his family.

Killing charge

Andrew Maidens, aged 25 and unemployed, of Manor View, Brinkhills, near Louth, Lincolnshire, was remanded in custody by Skegness magistrates yesterday, accused of murdering his stepdaughter, aged 11 months, in April 1986.

Fort worth

Luton Fort at Chatham, Kent, built by Victorian convicts to protect the docks, is being auctioned by Kent County Council on March 14. The four-acre site includes underground passages and is expected to fetch £10,000.

Walk deaths

A record 27 walkers were killed on Lake District mountains last year, with 155 people injured and 272 rescues carried out. Most people needing assistance were walkers, not climbers.

Aberfan plea

A community centre commemorating the 144 victims of the Aberfan coal waste slip will shut unless the Welsh Office grants a cash plea by the disaster fund's trustees.

Doctors back

Dr Marietta Higgs and her colleague Dr Geoffrey Wyatt will work for the first time in seven months today but cannot handle any further cases of suspected child sexual abuse.

Rates cut

Hereford council, England's smallest city authority, which is Liberal led, has reduced its rates by 33 per cent.

Prescription fee increase

Charges recoup 8% of cost

By Our Social Services Correspondent

More than 322 million prescriptions were issued in 1986-87 at a cost of £1.790 million. However, only £145 million, or 8 per cent, was recouped from prescription charges.

The Government argues that more than 75 per cent of prescriptions are free because the majority of people needing them have exemption certificates. The 20p increase announced yesterday is therefore expected to raise little more than £10 million.

Prescription charges, which will rise to £2.60 on April 1, have risen thirteen-fold since the Conservative Party took office in 1979, when one prescribed item cost 20p.

Within six months, charges had risen by 125 per cent to 45p per item. In April 1980, they increased by 55 per cent to 70p and reached £1 in December that year, a level which was frozen for more than two years.

In April 1982, prescription charges were increased to £1.30, then to £1.40 in April 1983, £1.60 in April 1984 and £2 in April 1985.

Last year, the charges rose by 9 per cent, nearly double the rate of inflation. This year, they will go up by 8.3 per cent against an inflation forecast of 4.5 per cent for 1988-89.

The present flat rate prescription fee of £2.40 covers about 45 per cent of the average cost of the item, according to the Department of Health and Social Security.

Children aged under 16 and pensioners are entitled to free prescriptions. Exemption certificates are also available on the grounds of health and low income.

Pregnant women and those who have had a baby in the past year, some war pensioners, patients with a chronic physical disability which makes them housebound and those suffering from diabetes and some forms of epilepsy are exempt. So too are those on supplementary benefit, housing benefit or family income supplement.

People who need prescribed medicines on a regular basis can buy a certificate to cover the cost of prescriptions for a set period.

Breakthrough in computer language

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

British computer scientists will today unveil what they claim is the first desktop computer capable of understanding commands in ordinary English.

Even the simplest tasks given to conventional computers have to be expressed in precise ways, in sharp contrast to the much freer communication possible between people.

Tome Associates, a small London-based computer company, claims to have overcome the problems, and produced a program that enables desktop computers to accept commands in ordinary language. The achievement is the outcome of a five-year project by computer and linguistic experts at London University, where they were commissioned by the British Library to find a way of enabling non-experts to use the vast archives now available on computers.

The team of experts, now working for Tome Associates, will today launch a £500 program which brings together research in so-called "natural language programming" and expert systems, in which the knowledge of people is converted into a form that enables a computer to mimic their expertise.

Called Tome Searcher, the program enables an IBM-compatible computer to track down information in a database of electronic and computer information, using commands given in English. Like a human librarian, it sifts the typed instructions to weed out unnecessary words and detect ambiguities likely to misdirect the search.

Developed with backing from the European Space Agency, the Tome Searcher is likely to have substantial export potential, because of the virtually world-wide use of English.

Schools rely more on parents' cash

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Nearly 75 per cent of state schools in England and Wales do not have enough funds for books and equipment and are relying increasingly on parental contributions, according to a report published yesterday by the National Union of Teachers.

The report, based on a survey of 300 schools last summer, says that average local education authority spending of £25 per primary school child and £38 per secondary school child should be doubled.

Nearly two-thirds of schools said their local authority did not provide enough money for textbooks. One primary school in seven said it did not have enough to spend on pens, pencils, rulers, exercise books and writing paper.

Nearly all of the schools said that they relied on activities such as jumble sales, bingo and sponsored walks to raise an average of £700 a year in primary schools and £1,200 a year in secondary schools.

Three in four of the teachers questioned said they regularly bought and paid for materials out of their own pockets, spending an average of £77 a year.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said the report showed the true state of schools. The disparity was adding to the growth of two nations, he said.

P&O rejects pleas by ferry families

By David Sapsted

The shipping company P&O yesterday rejected appeals from families bereaved by the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster for all the fleet's ships to fly their flag at half-mast on Sunday, the first anniversary of the Zeebrugge tragedy, as a mark of respect for the 193 who died.

Instead, the company said it would order the flags flown by P&O European Ferries, the new name for Townsend Thoresen, to be lowered, although most of those ferries are not running because of a strike by seamen at Dover.

The decision angered those who lost loved ones aboard the Herald. "It reflects the attitude of the board towards the tragedy", Mr Peter Spooner, an executive member of the Herald Families' Association, who lost his son on the ferry, said.

The company said: "It is absolutely right that the ships of the company concerned in the Zeebrugge tragedy, P&O European Ferries, should fly their flags at half-mast. We do not feel it is appropriate, however, for the rest to do so."

Its position appears to be that as it only took over Townsend Thoresen a few weeks before the disaster, and as all the main management personnel have since been replaced, the anniversary has little to do with the rest of the fleet.

THE TIMES

PRIVATE VIEWINGS OF OLD MASTER PAINTINGS

From the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection

MARCH 21 and 22, 1988

On March 18 an exhibition of more than 50 masterpieces from one of the most outstanding collections in the world opens at the Royal Academy.

The collection, usually housed at the Villa Favorita in Lugano, was begun by Baron Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza in the 1920s, and after his death was expanded by his son, Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza.

The Royal Academy and *The Times* are proud to present an exhibition of the best Old Master paintings from the collection, spanning the spectrum of European painting from the 14th to early 19th centuries. Some works by Canaletto and Duccio will be shown for the first time in London.

A highlight of the exhibition will be the group of 11 magnificent Renaissance portraits of the Italian, Flemish and German schools, culminating in the famous portrait by Holbein of Henry VIII.

The Times invites you to an evening with the Old Masters, to view the paintings at leisure in the splendour of the Royal Academy. Tickets are pre-paid and numbers are limited, thereby avoiding the frustrations of queuing and overcrowding in the galleries. The ticket also includes wine and a £1 concession on the catalogue price.

Two evenings, March 21 and March 22, have been set aside exclusively for *Times* readers, from 6.30 to 8.45pm. If you would like to attend either of these evenings, please complete the form below, indicating your preference, and send it together with a cheque for £5 per ticket to the address below.

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Revival for Coward 1920s play

By Andrew Billen

The Noel Coward revival is sending a second of the Master's theatrical classics to the West End this spring.

After last week's successful revival of *Bitter Sweet* at the New Sadler's Wells Opera, it has been announced that Coward's 1920s hit, *Easy Virtue*, is to open at the Garrick Theatre next month, starring Jane How.

The play's transfer comes after a successful seven-week run at the King's Head Theatre in Islington, north London.

By the end of this winter six Coward plays will have been staged in Britain, the others being *Private Lives*, *The Vortex*, *Shadows of the Evening* and *Come into the Garden Maud*. *Hay Fever* ran in New York last season and *Anything Goes* is still playing there.

● One of London's best known small theatres is facing a 12 per cent grant cut from the Greater London Arts association because, it claims, it is insufficiently multi-racial.

The Almeida Theatre in north London has already been warned that its grant from Islington council is to be almost halved next year.

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Prescription charges will rise by 20p, to £2.60

Prescription charges are to be increased by 20p, from £2.40 to £2.60 an item, *Mr Tony Newton*, Minister for Health, announced in a statement.

He also told MPs that blood glucose testing strips for diabetics would be available on prescription from June 1 this year, and that they would be free of charge.

The value of vouchers to help with the cost of spectacles would also be increased.

In his statement, Mr Newton said that help with the cost of spectacles through the NHS voucher scheme was available to children under 16, full-time students under 19, people on low incomes and those needing complex lenses. The present voucher values, set when the scheme was introduced in July 1986, would be increased from April 1 this year so that, for example, the lowest voucher value would rise by nearly 9 per cent from £14.25 to £15.50 and the highest by 28 per cent from £66 to £85.

In the hospital eye service there would be small increases in the maximum charges which limited the charges to those requiring expensive lenses but not entitled to vouchers, and no increase in the charge for contact lenses.

In setting the new values the Government had sought to respond to the representations of the Royal National Institute for the Blind by making particularly large increases in vouchers for more complex spectacles.

To assist with special needs, over and above standard voucher values there would be a new supplement in the hospital eye service of up to £4 for people prescribed photochromic lenses for clinical reasons and a new supplement of £30 for those whose particular facial characteristics entailed specially made frames. Children who needed exceptionally small glasses would get a new supplement of £30, available through the General Ophthalmic Service and the hospital eye service.

The voucher scheme was now available for contact lenses only if they were prescribed for clinical reasons by the hospital eye service. "We propose to end this restriction and to give complete fredom of choice as to whether vouchers are used for spectacles or for contact lenses. These changes will increase expenditure on the voucher scheme by about £7 million in 1988-89 to a total of more than £65 million."

Blood glucose testing strips for diabetics would be available on prescription from June 1 this year. Diabetics would get their supplies free. The cost of this proposal would be about £8 million in 1988-89.

It was proposed to increase prescription charges broadly in line with the increased cost of medicines.

The item charge would rise by 20p from £2.40 to £2.60, an increase of about 8 per cent. The four-monthly season ticket would increase by £1 to £13.50, and the annual season ticket by £2.50 to £37.50. These increases were estimated to yield more than £10 million in 1988-89.

More than three quarters of all items would continue to be dispensed free of charge under the wide-ranging exemption arrangements covering children, those on low incomes and everyone over retirement age.

The exemptions would be extended to cover young people to include those under age 19 while they were in full-time education.

The intention to move from the complex and anomalous system of charging for dental treatment, to a straightforward system of proportionate charging set at 75 per cent of the cost, subject to a maximum of £150, would apply to all routine dental treatment and crowns from April 1 this year. The charges for dentures and bridges would be set as fixed cash amounts at or about the same 75 per cent level.

These changes were estimated to yield additional income of about £17 million in 1988-89.

"However, since many people now pay the full cost of the more limited courses of routine treatment, the cost of many such courses will, in fact, fall." For example, the charge for a scale and polish and two small fillings would drop from £14.20 to £10.65.

"We are retaining all the current exemptions — for children, young people aged 16 and 17, students under 19, expectant and nursing mothers and people on low incomes — which means that nearly half of all courses of dental treatment attract no charge at all."

In addition, the Government would bring an amendment at report stage of the Health and Medicines Bill to end the anomaly whereby some young people of 16 and 17, while exempt from charges for treatment, still had to pay for dentures and bridges. The proposal was to exempt them from all dental charges.

In view of the changes to social security benefits coming into effect on April 11, he wished to make clear that for the purposes of exemption from prescription and dental charges, of entitlement to spectacle vouchers, and of reimbursement of expenses incurred in travelling to hospital for treatment, receipt of income support or family credit would qualify beneficiaries in the same way as supplementary benefit or family income supplement did now.

There would also continue to be arrangements for assisting other people on low incomes, based on the new social security framework. Regulations would be laid before the House to establish a single consolidated scheme which would be simpler and speedier.

Charges for overseas visitors would be increased for 1988-89 by 8.1 per cent on average for in-patients and 6.5 per cent for out-patients.

Patients 'will be scared off full treatment'

HEALTH

A warning that increased prescription charges would result in patients not buying all the medicine that had been prescribed for their treatment was given by **Mr Robin Cook**, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, in response to Mr Newton's statement.

Mr Cook complained that this was the tenth increase in prescription charges made by this Government and was well above the rate of inflation.

Mr Cook said that he gave an unqualified welcome to two items in the statement for which the Opposition had been pressing. First, that blood glucose testing strips would be available on prescription and, second, that there would be an additional exemption from dental charges for 16 and 17 year olds.

He gave a qualified welcome to the announcement regarding vouchers for spectacles.

They were in this difficulty only because the Government had privatized the entire optical service. The increase in the lower voucher charge was of the order of £1.25, which the minister would admit was less than the likely increase in spectacles from the imposition of VAT, calculated to cost between £2 and £3 a spectacle.

If the Government intended to accept that European decision, the least the House might expect was that the Government should protect the poorest purchasers of spectacles from its effect.

The minister had attempted to justify the increase in prescription charges by referring to the rate of increase in the cost of medicines, but the prescription charge was now 13 times what it was in 1979, an increase greatly in excess of the increase in the cost of medicines in the intervening period.

Last year, the pharmaceutical services negotiating committee had estimated that one third of the items available on prescription cost less than the face value of the prescription charge. Would the minister confirm that, as a result, many drugs were now cheaper to obtain at the original price than through NHS prescription?

The exemptions to which the minister had referred had not included chronic conditions such as asthma, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and schizophrenia. It was wholly wrong that sufferers of such conditions should have to pay prescription charges.

The chairman of the pharmaceutical services negotiating committee had said that 2,000 people a week had forgone part of their prescriptions because they could not afford the charges. People had responded to an increase in prices by taking up fewer treatments. They should not be priced out of treatments.

The background of this statement was a massive surplus revenue to the Treasury which the Chancellor intended to give out in tax handouts.

"The money is there to fund a decent health service without charging the sick another £10 million for their prescriptions. These increases are unnecessary, unjustified and undesirable."

Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, said that Mr Cook's remarks on prescription charges were exaggerated.

His predecessor had made clear that the Government did not think it right to reopen the general list of exemptions from prescription charges, but instead to make sure that there were effective arrangements for those on low incomes.

Pay beds were only pay beds when they were occupied by paying patients. At other times they were available for use in the NHS and were used in that way.

He readily accepted that there was not as much income in that as they would like, and one of the aims of the Health and Medicines Bill was to increase the capacity of the health service to raise additional sums in that way for the benefit of NHS patients.

The background to this statement was an increase of 43 per cent in real terms in expenditure since 1978-79 on primary-care services, and plans for big additional real spending over the next two to three years.

Mr Ronald Fearn, Liberal spokesman on health, asked whether pharmacists would be told to use the cheapest, but best, form of medicine when dispensing prescriptions.

Mr Newton said that where a pharmacist was aware that an item on a prescription was available at a lower price without a prescription he was entitled to draw that to the customer's attention.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that people would be exceedingly angry at the tenth increase in prescription charges since the Government came to power at a time when the Chancellor was sitting on a mountain of money.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) said that it was totally immoral to increase the tax on the sick, including people with multiple sclerosis and asthmatic diseases, a fortnight before the Chancellor planned to decrease tax for able-bodied and very rich people.

Mr Newton said that Mr Wareing's moral strictures were absurd. Half the population was exempt from prescription charges.

Mr Christopher Butler (Warrington South, C) said that GPs and pharmacists often did not tell patients they could buy drugs over the counter cheaper than on prescription.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that the minister should stop the pharmaceutical industry creaming off money from the British taxpayer, so that he would have more to devote to primary health care.

Mr Newton said that great sums of money were invested in drugs and the cost of producing them did rise. "We are anxious to keep them under control, but they have risen by 8 per cent and that is the background to this announcement."



Mr Neil Kinnock and Labour's main environment spokesman, Dr John Cunningham (centre), visiting businessmen in Wandsworth, south-west London, yesterday, including Mr Derek LeJeune, a greengrocer (right). The politicians were told that if the Government's proposed uniform business rate — part of its poll tax plans — had been in operation this year, local business rates would have risen by at least 61 per cent (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Power sell-off worries Welsh

Would the Secretary of State for Wales "lay his job on the line" over the Government's proposals to privatize the electricity industry, **Mr Roy Hughes**, an Opposition spokeksman on Wales, asked during questions.

During a question on the European Regional Development Fund, he asked how real was Mr Peter Walker's opposition to the privatization. He wondered if Mr Walker had made any calculation about how much EEC support would be necessary if the South Wales coalfield was to close as a result of the proposals.

Mr Walker said that, unlike Mr Hughes, he had had the privilege of being a Cabinet minister for most of the past 18 years. Had Mr Hughes had the same privilege he could have put forward what views he liked. "And I am sure they would be listened to with the same enthusiasm and cordiality that mine were listened to."

Close study for TV plan

Questions of detail of how proceedings in the House of Commons should be televised would be closely examined by the select committee considering the proposal, **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the Houe of Commons and Lord Privy Seal, said during question time.

The subject was raised by **Mr Anthony Favell** (Stockport, C), who said that from coverage of the American primary elections it was evident that television was a most powerful medium. The possibility of slanting a debate one way or another was a powerful tool.

Mr Wakeham agreed. He said that consideration of such matters was within the scope of the select committee's remit.

Gay clergy assurance

It was unlikely that an avowedly practising homosexual would be recommended for ordination or be ordained by a bishop in the Church of England, **Mr Michael Alison**, for the Church Commissioners, said during Commons questions.

He said that to do so would scarcely be compatible with the bishop's pastoral teaching and duties.

He was replying to **Mr John Marshall** (Hendon South, C), who said that just as one would not expect a bishop to sponsor adulterers for ordination, so they could agree with those bishops refusing to sponsor practising homosexuals.

'Let us debate in Welsh'

There should be provision for the House of Commons to hold debates in Welsh and English, **Mr Paul Flynn** (Newport West, Lab).

He said that other parliaments managed to hold debates in two, three or even ten languages.

He made the suggestion after a business statement by **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the Commons, who replied that he had no plans for bilingual debates at present.

£7m grants

The United Kingdom gave about £7 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross last year, **Mr Timothy Eggar**, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Employment; Prime Minister. Motions on social security orders and regulations. Debate on Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Acts 1978 and 1987 (Continuance) Order, adjourned from last Thursday. Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order. **Lords** (2.30): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, report, third day.

Legal aid for 'group actions'

HOUSE OF LORDS

Peers welcomed changes in the law introduced by **Lord MacKay of Clashfern**, the Lord Chancellor, to enable groups of victims in such matters as the thalidomide and Opren cases, and other tragedies, to be granted legal aid to fight for damages in the courts.

At the third reading of the Legal Aid Bill in the House of Lords, **Lord MacKay** moved his amendments so that the new legal-aid board would have the power to enter into a contract for a firm of solicitors to represent such a group.

He had brought them forward after requests from Labour peers, the Law Society and Lord Donaldson of Lymington, the Master of the Rolls, for a reform in the law to help multi-party cases.

It could be done where a group has a common interest and there was no conflict of interest. Details for the administration of such a scheme would be for the new board to decide.

The reform would be a useful way forward not only for multi-party actions but also in civil aid generally where it might be worth while to develop contractual arrangements, for instance where development risks defence was concerned.

The issue of changing the courts' procedures so that they could deal with multi-party cases was for other legislation or for the rules of court.

If his proposed reform worked well, it may well be that "class actions" as current in the United States might not be so necessary.

For the Opposition, **Lord Mishcon** thanked the Lord Chancellor for taking the issue on board, although the scheme proposed had disadvantages. The Opposiiton would not oppose it because it might delay action. But the disadvantages would need to be looked at again by Labour MPs when the Bill went to the House of Commons.

There was a grave injustice under the present law, to which Lord Donaldson had drawn attention. A plaintiff at present under legal aid who was successful in winning damages could be left no better off.

But under the amendments it will be up to the board to select a lawyer to represent the group instead of the plaintiffs themselves. The Government itself was often concerned in the action, as in the Opren case.

Lord Goodman (Ind) said that two years ago he was called on by 40 to 50 doctors who were poisoned at a professional dinner. Unfortunately none of them was eligible for legal aid nor had the means to pursue the case on their own account.

Lord MacKay said it may be possible to implement the amendments in a way to cope with that type of case.

Clergy likely to escape poll tax

It was unlikely that the Anglican clergy would have to pay the community charge any more than at present they have to pay the rates, **Mr Michael Alison**, for the Church Commissioners, told MPs at question time.

He said that the commissioners continued to receive letters from clergy and church members about the loss of charitable relief on clergy accommodation.

He was replying to **Mr Graham Allen** (Nottingham North, Lab), who said that there was outrage among clergy who would be hit very hard by the poll tax.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) said that where someone used local services and had influence of some kind, it was right and proper that they should be asked to pay the same contribution as anyone else.



Mr Alison: Loss of charitable relief

Mr Allison: At present under the existing rating system, clergy are exempted in so far as the Church Commissioners pay the rates. The likelihood is that the community charge will be paid on their behalf.

Howe's onslaught on banning orders

S AFRICA

Banning orders issued by the South African Government against organizations trying to promote an end to apartheid were "*swingeing and totally unjustified*", **Sir Geofrrey Howe**, the Foreign Secretary, told the Commons.

He said that these measures were a step away from dialogue and negotiation and a step towards further polarization and conflict.

He was speaking during a debate moved by **Mr Gerald Kaufman**, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, who said that the orders proved conclusively that the policy of no sanctions had failed.

Mr Kaufman moved a motion condemning the South African Government for effectively banning all peaceful opposition to apartheid.

The motion said that this was caused by government restrictions on organizations dedicated to ending apartheid. Britain should urge international action against South Africa, including comprehensive economic sanctions.

He said that every day seemed to bring its fresh instalment of outrage by the South African Government. Already they had heard of the arrests on the steps of St George's Cathedral of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other church leaders, who were bundled into a police car.

"They were later released, but what is clear now is that not even senior churchmen in South Africa are safe from this apartheid government."

No one had alleged that any of the organizations affected by orders issued last Wednesday stood for violence or had been involved in violence. One of them had specialized in publicizing the children detained under the state of emergency.

"Under last week's banning orders, all these organizations were prohibited from carrying on or performing any activities or acts whatsoever. George Orwell could not have put it more chillingly.

"So far only churches have escaped banning orders; only clergy have still been able to speak out in South Africa as they did so courageously in special services yesterday and as they sought to do today.

"How far they will be able to go on speaking out is in doubt after today's outrageous arrests.

"The Prime Minister was the world's most effective and enthusiastic accomplice of apartheid.

"Every time the international community and especially the Commonwealth seeks to take action to end apartheid, the Prime Minister takes delight in impeding that action and by doing so casts herself in the role of handmaiden to apartheid."

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, said that the Government had made its views clear on the latest measures in South Africa. "These measures amount to a ban on legitimate political activity by most of those, both black and white, who are working for an end to apartheid, the very apartheid which President Botha has described as outmoded."

The Government had not yet received full reports of an incident this morning involving Archbishop Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak but it seemed to have been a peaceful protest broken up by police action. "We are totally opposed to the suppression of peaceful political activity of that kind."

The measures were a recipe for despair for many black South Africans who might well ask themselves what peaceful channels were to be left for the legitimate political aspirations of the black community.

The South African Government should think again, not just because despair produced violence, but because suppressing a problem did not remove it.

Only a few months ago it had been possible to detect some encouraging signs of reform in South Africa. There was an encouraging recognition of black trade union rights, improvements in black education and the abolition of much petty apartheid.

"The tragedy is that we are no longer seeing progress of that kind. Instead of moving forward, the South African *Government now seems to be* moving backward and of course the basic structures of apartheid remain intact."

The Prime Minister did not need the patronizing advice of Mr Kaufman.

A people's palace at Commons

A suggestion that public restaurants and other facilities would encourage visitors to come to the House of Commons and possibly turn the Palace of Westminster into a real people's palace, was made by **Mr Tony Banks** (Newham North West, Lab) during question time.

His comments came after **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the House, had said that the average number of tickets for entry into the public gallery over the past three years had been 160,201.

Mr Banks asked what steps were being taken to encourage visitors into the public gallery. Speaking about televising the Commons, he said that what went on in the chamber would reach more people in one day than could come into the gallery in four or five years.

Mr Wakeham said that he did not think there was a need for the attractions suggested.

Dispute over Welsh jobs scene

Sharp fall in youth unemployment

WALES

The fall in the number of young jobless and long-term unemployed in Wales over the past 12 months has been greater that that in any other UK region, **Mr Peter Walker**, Secretary of State for Wales, said during questions.

But **Mr Alan Williams**, chief Opposition spokesman on Welsh affairs, said that figures published last week had shown that Wales had fallen below the national average in terms of its rate of change of unemployment overall.

Mr Walker told **Mr Gwilym Jones** (Cardiff North, C) that the number in employment in Wales, according to a survey of 3,000 households there, had fallen from 1,160,000 in 1979 to 1,021,000 last September.

But there had been an enormous increase in the number of jobs being advertised in Welsh newspapers, and the fall in the number of long-term unemployed and youth unemployed in the past 12 months had been greater than any other region in the country.

Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea East, Lab) said that earnings for those in employment in Wales had sunk to next-to-bottom of all the regions in the United Kingdom because of the loss of jobs in the steel and coal industries and their replacement by low-wage retail and part-time jobs.

Was the Welsh Office worried about the trend? "Or are they content to see Wales as a low-wage economy?"

Mr Walker said that he was delighted by the number of manufacturing firms opening in Wales.

The trend in both service and manufacturing industries was good, with more firms locating in Wales and others expanding.

Mr Williams said that the figures for employment in Wales showed that 122,000 more people were in work in June 1979 than eight years later.

Between June 1983 and June 1987, Wales had been the only region of the United Kingdom to see a fall in the combined numbers of the employed and the self-employed.

It was also significant that Mr Walker had switched to talking about long-term unemployment, rather than unemployment generally.

"The latest unemployment figures show that, over the past 12 months, Wales has seen its rate of change not only fall below the national average, but [also that] it is trailing behind that of five other regions of the United Kingdom."

Mr Walker said that 1987 had been a year of record inward investment for Wales.

"He (Mr Williams) is now becoming the one lonely voice in Wales who thinks that things are going badly for Wales."

Mr Ray Powell (Ogmore, Lab) said that only when unemployment in Wales was the same as it had been in 1979 could Welsh MPs wear their daffodils with pride on St David's Day.

Mr Walker said that he would not be satisfied when unemployment was reduced to the figures of 1979 because unemployment had risen substantially in Wales under the last Labour Government.

Sir Raymond Gower (Vale of Glamorgan, C) said that there was now a wide variety of employment in Wales.

In the past, people had been employed by two or three major industries.

Mr Walker said that those industries, coal and steel, were both in a position of considerable strength.

"The decline of manpower in these two industries is coming to an end, which will greatly strengthen future trends in the Welsh economy."

£25,000 for Bible celebration

The Welsh Office has contributed £25,000 towards the costs of a committee set up to co-ordinate celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Welsh, **Mr Wyn Roberts**, Minister of State for Wales, said during questions.

The former Archbishop of Wales, the Right Rev G. O. Williams, was chairing the committee, which was arranging events throughout Wales to mark the anniversary. The Welsh Office had given a grant of £7,500 to the Welsh Joint Education Committee to assist local education authorities with the cost of buying copies of a new translation.

Mr Bryanor John (Pontypridd, Lab) said that the best possible way of celebrating the anniversary would be the provision of a specific sum of money to provide text books in Welsh for A-Level subjects, such as economics.

Mr Roberts said that that was one of the ways the translation might be celebrated, but the Welsh Office already gave considerable support to the provision of text books and teaching materials.

Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas (Meirionnydd Nant Conwy, Pl C) said that, since an Act of Parliament of 1563 had ordered the Welsh bishops to produce a translation of the Bible into Welsh, it was time that the Welsh Office responded to consultations on the new Welsh language Act.

Mr Roberts said that it had taken 20 years after the passing of the Act for the translation to be produced.

The Government was consulting. The Secretary of State (Mr Peter Walker) was meeting various organizations concerned with the Welsh language and had set up a group under his (Mr Roberts's) chairmanship, which was considering the next moves.

"Legislation may be one of the options before us."

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King's Cross fire

Ambulance chiefs unaware of disaster until shown on TV

By Nicholas Wood and Rodney Cowton

The head and deputy head of the London Ambulance Service only learned of the King's Cross fire through watching a television news broadcast, it was disclosed yesterday.

Frantic attempts to contact them by telephone and radio paging messages from the incident room directing the rescue operation failed to draw a reply.

Mr Bob Walton, chief ambulance officer, and Mr Tom Crosby, his deputy, telephoned the incident room just after 9pm, at least 45 minutes after all surviving casualties of the Underground fire that claimed 31 lives had been taken to hospital.

The disclosures were made by Mr Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras, who yesterday released the confidential log of the London Ambulance Service covering the events of the night of November 18.

Mr Dobson said that the emergency procedures laid down by the service in consultation with the Home Office required that the chief officers be informed if there was a serious fire.

"The inability of the headquarters major incident desk to contact the chief ambulance officer or his deputy is unacceptable. Either their equipment is not up to scratch or the procedures are faulty.

"The report suggests shortcomings in both equipment and procedures. Surely at a time when every yuppie has a radio telephone the chief and deputy chief ambulance officers should have a call system that works."

A report from Mr Roger Tungate, the assistant deputy ambulance officer who coordinated the rescue operation, discloses that Mr Crosby rushed to the ambulance service headquarters at Waterloo and then to King's Cross after phoning the incident room at 9.03pm. Mr Walton telephoned shortly afterwards.

The log also discloses that the emergency control vehicle, Red Major, was not sent to the scene until 10.09pm, two hours and 22 minutes after the fire was first reported and one hour and 54 minutes after it was declared a major incident. It was summoned by Mr Crosby.

Mr Dobson said he was not criticizing any of the ambulancemen and officers involved and blamed cutbacks in the service for shortcomings in dealing with the disaster.

A spokesman for the London Ambulance Service said that there had been difficulties in contacting Mr Walton and Mr Crosby, but this had not affected the performance of the ambulance crews.

The first ambulance had been on the scene at 7.57pm, within 10 minutes of the service being alerted; 15 ambulances were involved.

The purpose of trying to reach the chief ambulance officer and his deputy was only to give them information, and not necessarily to enable them to attend. Their absence "did not either hamper or hinder the operations", the spokesman said.

Nor had operations been impeded by the absence of the emergency control vehicle.

Single vote keeps Lyme cordial



Mr Victor Homyer, former mayor of Lyme Regis, with the Cobb in the background (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

By Andrew Morgan

An award-winning design for a £750,000 development on the Grade 1 listed Cobb at Lyme Regis was yesterday turned down after public protest.

The recreation and amenities committee of West Dorset council, which had promoted the plans for a slipway, lifeboat station, coastguard station and harbourmaster's office, rejected the scheme — chosen from 61 entries in a council competition — by one vote.

The committee asked officers to have further discussions with groups involved, including lifeboatmen who opposed the plans, and find alternatives.

Mr Des Derrein, the council's chief planning officer, said: "It is disappointing that the competition should prove so abortive. But we don't want to force a scheme on the people of Lyme Regis." John Fowles, the author, who lives in the town, was among the four judges.

They had described the entry of Mr Robert Griffing and Mr Martin Ryan, two young Bristol architects who won £1,500, as "deceptively simple and a brilliant analysis of the problems of scale", and added: "Lyme Regis will gain a building worthy of its setting and deserving of the attention of future generations".

Yesterday, the council's recreation and amenities committee was told that the proposals, which were criticized by English Heritage, could lead to silting of the harbour, over-use, and pleasure craft damaging the town's fishing industry.

Mr Victor Homyer, a former mayor of the town and a fisherman for 50 years, said: "The slipway would reduce the size of the harbour, which would make it more dangerous. It is inconceivable to a seaman. Lyme Regis would be changed from an historic town catering for summer visitors to one aimed at itinerant people with cruisers and power-boats using the harbour for a few hours and then roaring off."

Mr Jack Nuttall, a councillor who lives in Lyme, likened the new building to "a block from Dartmoor prison". He told the committee: "It is a hideous design and it will have a damaging effect."

Mr John Hodder, the lifeboat coxswain, said: "There's no need for the large amount of space in the new station. It would be totally out of keeping."

Free beef for poor scheme in trouble

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Administrative difficulties are likely to be blamed for not putting into effect in Britain an EEC scheme to distribute surplus beef and butter free to the needy and the unemployed.

The latest proposal, to be put forward in Brussels this week, envisages the distribution of about 60,000 tonnes of butter worth £130 million to the registered unemployed.

The Ministry of Agriculture indicated last week that it was certain to oppose the scheme. Critics of the Government say it is unwilling to establish the sort of full-time distribution agencies that have been set up in such other European countries as France and Belgium.

Ministry officials feel that an experimental scheme last year was a failure and that its scepticism is echoed by the charities which took part. Applications to take part this year, for which the deadline expired yesterday, have been "less than enthusiastic".

The charities were dismayed last year at being consigned bulk shipments of frozen beef and butter, which had to be thawed and portioned.

Last year, 13,644 tonnes of butter and 1,092 tonnes of beef were distributed in Britain.

Railman unaware of sprinklers

The only member of the King's Cross Tube station staff to see the fireball which killed 31 people develop said his hair burned and crackled as he escaped from the ticket hall.

Mr Bertram White told the disaster inquiry yesterday that after eight years at the station he had not known there was a "water fog" sprinkler system on the station's wooden escalators and had no key to the machine room below the escalators where the fire started.

He had no training in using a fire hydrant, was not certain if the ticket hall hydrant was usable because it was behind a builder's hoarding and had used a fire extinguisher only once, in his initial Underground training about ten years earlier.

Mr White, aged 49, said he had seen flames two feet high coming from a Piccadilly Line escalator. Minutes later, he saw thick black smoke appear and pour up the escalator towards him.

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, chairman of the inquiry, asked Mr White if it was correct that after seeing the black smoke appear, he had "walked away". Mr White replied: "My hair started to burn and crackle. I went past the ticket office and up the stairs at the back."

Mr White said he was told to investigate a report in a telephone call that a Piccadilly Line escalator was on fire.

He and his colleague, Mr Patricio Obcena, then saw the escalator flames, and he sent Mr Obcena back to report to the station inspector. The booking hall area was empty with no passengers or police.

"All of a sudden I saw thick black smoke appear and pour up the escalator towards me. It was very hot and I could feel my hair crackling.

"I went through the barrier, nobody was on it at the time that I can recall. I looked back towards escalator number four and saw a ball of fire coming from the area at the top."

Mr White said he and other members of the staff already down there stopped a train to evacuate about 60 passengers he found "milling about" in the Circle Line area. He and other staff went to offices near by, but as smoke got thicker there they were taken by a train to Euston Square station.

Driver behaviour to be focus of accident study

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Four studies into the behaviour of drivers have been ordered by the Department of Transport to pinpoint the cause of accidents where human failure is involved.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, plans to shift his anti-accident strategy away from large-scale public advertising campaigns towards more research into the causes of accidents.

By the use of videos at accident black spots, an analysis of police reports and interviews with drivers and witnesses, it is hoped that a better picture will emerge of the underlying causes.

Mr Bottomley is concerned that human factors are involved in 80 to 90 per cent of all accidents.

By comparison vehicle failure and road and weather conditions play a remarkably small part.

Previous research has indicated that aggression — particularly among male drivers — stress and tiredness make a significant contribution. In spite of promising signs of a breakthrough in drink-driving campaigns, alcohol still accounts for a high percentage of "human failure" crashes.

The Transport Road Research Laboratory has been given bigger grants by the Department of Transport to contract out the four studies to universities and consultants.

Ford uncovers its car for all seasons



By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Ford today takes the cover off its latest design thinking when the Ghia Saguaro (above) makes its debut at the Geneva motor show.

According to Ford's Italian styling studio, Ghia, the vehicle will be as aerodynamic as a futuristic sports car, yet have four-wheel drive and generous ground clearance for taking the family safely through mud and snow.

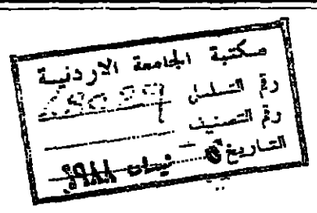
It has been designed to cope with carrying up to six children to school during the week and then crossing fields at the weekend.

Based on the four-wheel drive Ford Sierra, the Saguaro has three rows of seats to accommodate up to seven people. Folding the rear seats flat converts it into a sleek two seater with a luggage space equal to that of an estate car.

"We feel that the Ghia Saguaro would be equally at home in the Mall or off-road in the Highlands of Scotland", Signor Filippo Sapino, Ghia's managing director, said.

Ford's prototype makes its debut under the motor show spotlights at a time when sales of four-wheel drive vehicles are booming in Europe.

It comes in the wake of the announcement that Ford and Nissan are to collaborate on a new four-wheel drive Range Rover-style vehicle.





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WORLD ROUNDUP

Bokassa saved from firing squad

Paris — The sentence of death imposed on Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the former self-styled emperor of the Central African Republic now in failing health, has been commuted to forced labour for life (Philip Jacobson writes).

A brief announcement yesterday from Bangui, the country's capital, said that President Kolingba had acted on the advice of the country's Higher Justice Commission. In lifting the sentence imposed on Bokassa last June after a long and sensational trial for a series of gruesome crimes — allegedly including cannibalism — the authorities may have cleared the way for the expulsion of the ageing tyrant.

It is known that several African states have been asked if they would be prepared to accept him as an exile. The French Foreign Ministry said yesterday there was now no legal obstacle to sending him out of the country. Since being sentenced to face a firing squad, Bokassa, who had returned unexpectedly from exile in France in October 1986, has been behind bars in a military jail in the capital.

Harare's war vow

Harare — Zimbabwe's new Minister of Defence, Mr Enos Nkala, pledged yesterday to keep his country's British-trained troops in Mozambique until the final defeat of right-wing rebels in the 12-year civil war (A Correspondent writes).

Last year a prominent black businessman, Mr Sam Gozo, caused furore by noting the cost of the war to Zimbabwe and calling for talks with the Mozambique Resistance Movement.

In his first major policy statement, Mr Nkala said: "Because of South Africa's apartheid policies and the regime's determination to destabilize us and other frontline states, our forces will remain in Mozambique as long as the MNR bandit menace exists."

Amnesty setback

Seoul — Hundreds of political prisoners have been excluded from an amnesty by the new South Korean president, provoking criticism that his Government has failed to honour its commitment to human rights (Gavin Bell writes).

Officially, more than 7,000 people benefited from the amnesty marking the inauguration last week of President Roh Tae Woo.

But only about 2,000 were in fact released at the weekend, of whom 125 were identified as political offenders. Others had their sentences reduced or civil rights restored. According to human rights campaigners and Western diplomats, more than 1,000 political activists remain behind bars.

Prisoners of Conscience 8

Nuclear trap denied

Peking (Reuter) — China denied yesterday that Mao Tse-tung sought to lure American troops into China's heartland and massacre them with nuclear weapons. The memoirs of President Gromyko of the Soviet Union allege that Chairman Mao had tried to get Soviet help for the plan. He quoted Mao as saying that even if a nuclear war wiped out 300 million Chinese, there would still be plenty left to fight off intruders. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a brief statement, however, that President Gromyko's "recollection and related descriptions do not square with facts".

Student rampage

Dhaka — Militant students demonstrated yesterday, throwing petrol bombs and settingbuses on fire at Dhaka university as violent protests against Thursday's parliamentary election rocked the capital and three other cities (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Witnesses said that at least 30 people were injured when police swinging staves dispersed a crowd attacking a government candidate's campaign office.

Opposition leaders threatened to burn down voting centres and attack candidates on Thursday, as the Government began deploying more than 300,000 police and security forces and ordered the Army to stand by.

Panama strike flop

Panama City — A general strike called by Panama's opposition coalition and the deposed president, Señor Eric Delvalle, failed to materialize yesterday (Martha Honey writes). Buses and taxis were operating normally and most shops and businesses opened.

The strike had been planned as a popular challenge to Panama's military chief, General Manuel Noriega, and as a gesture of support for Señor Delvalle, who remains in hiding. It was called on Friday by the Civic Crusade, a coalition of more than 100 business and professional groups, who had predicted that it would "paralyze" Panama.

Dingo case appeal



Sydney — Mrs Lindy Chamberlain, left, who served three years of a life sentence for the murder in 1980 of her daughter Azaria, sought yesterday to have the conviction struck from the record (Our Correspondent writes).

Mrs Chamberlain and her husband, Michael, convicted as an accessory, were pardoned by a royal commission last year after claiming that a dingo took nine-week-old Azaria, whose body has never been found.

Bitter blow for Gorbachov

Race riots spread to Muslim city

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

An upsurge of serious rioting has been reported in Azerbaijan whose mainly Muslim population is in conflict with Christians from the neighbouring Soviet Republic of Armenia over control of a mountainous area one-fifth the size of Wales.

For the first time last night, Tass revealed that the unrest had spread to the industrial city of Sumgait and that tough measures were being taken to control it.

Sumgait, with a population of 180,000, lies on the Caspian Sea 25 miles north of the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, which like Yerevan, the Armenian capital, has been put out of bounds to all Western newsmen.

"A group of hooligans provoked disturbances in the city of Sumgait on February 28. Rampage and violence followed," a terse Tass communiqué said, using more explicit language than hitherto to describe the crisis. "Measures have been adopted to normalize the situation in the city and to safeguard discipline and public order. An investigation has been launched."

Analysts here said that the account indicated that the soft line used by the Soviet security forces in Yerevan, where demonstrations were peaceful, had been abandoned for harsher measures such as those used in Kazakhstan in 1986, when nationalist riots caused two deaths.

The new violence was assumed to have involved clashes between Muslim Azerbaijanis, who make up 67 per cent of the republic's population, and Armenians, who make up 12 per cent of the complex racial mixture of of Transcaucasia. But this was not made clear in the Tass account. Earlier in the disturbances, it was reported that two people with Azerbaijani family names had been killed elsewhere in the republic, which has a 740-mile border with Iran.



Soviet sources in Moscow said that the new outbreak of violence and its spread from the disputed Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh was a bitter political blow for Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, who had won credit for temporarily stemming the massive Armenian street protests in Yerevan.

Diplomats familiar with the region expressed no surprise that further violence had broken out and some predicted that more would inevitably follow. "Whatever solution the Kremlin reaches by the deadline of the end of the month, it is bound to upset one group or the other," one envoy said. He was referring to the Armenian demonstrators' decision to give Mr Gorbachov one month's grace to solve the problem.

Earlier, it emerged that despite Mr Gorbachov's broadcast appeal last Friday, demonstrations by disaffected Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh were continuing, although on a smaller scale than before. "There are some meetings, but they are subsiding," a spokeswoman for the local Soviet television station told reporters by telephone.

She said that Mr Kyamran Bagirov, the chief of the Azerbaijani Communist Party, had personally appealed for calm and a restoration of public order in a speech to Armenian protesters delivered in the disputed territory where the overwhelming majority of people are Armenians. Relations between the Christian Armenians and Shia Muslim Azerbaijanis have long been sensitive because of territorial disagreements stretching back to 1923 and also with memories of the massacre of Armenians by Muslim Turks in 1915 still fresh in the Armenian national consciousness.

Last night, the Soviet Foreign Ministry issued a formal protest delivered to the United States Embassy here about what it alleged were attempts by the Voice of America radio station to whip up nationalist sentiment in the Baltic republics of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.

"The broadcasts," the Foreign Ministry claimed, "can only be described as flagrant interference in the domestic affairs of these republics."

Triumphant Bush gears up for battle in South



Vice President George Bush, the clear Republican winner in Maine, flanked by Congressmen at a South Carolina meeting. (Photograph: Graham Wood.)

Surprise boost for Jackson in Maine caucuses

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Rev Jesse Jackson scored a strong second place among Democrats in the Maine caucuses, beating four of his rivals with huge margins in another surprising triumph. "The message is working," he said.

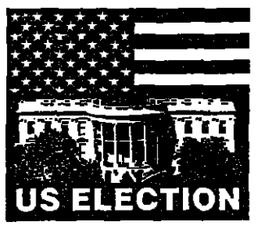
Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts was the Democratic winner in Maine, which has a black population of less than 1 per cent. Mr Jackson also took second place last week in Minnesota, another state with a small black population.

Having made such exceptional inroads into parts of the northern white vote, his aim now is to boost white support in the South, where he is already assured of almost the entire black vote.

Among the Republicans, Vice-President George Bush was the clear winner, followed by Mr Pat Robertson. Mr Bush has a home on the Maine coast, a fact that clearly boosted his popularity. He also received the endorsement of Mr John McKernan, the Republican Governor.

His aides were particularly delighted that he decisively beat Mr Robertson, who has scored some surprising victories over Mr Bush in earlier caucus contests. But Mr Robertson's campaign claimed that Mr Bush and Senator Robert Dole, another Republican front runner, joined forces at some caucuses to deny Mr Robertson the chance to win delegates.

There was no immediate official Republican tally, but results produced by the Bush campaign showed the Vice President with 65 per cent; Mr Robertson, 14 per cent; Senator Dole, 8 per cent; Representative Jack Kemp, 1.5 per cent, and the rest uncommitted. When the final



results are tabulated, it is expected that Mr Bush will win all 22 delegates in Maine.

The results for the Democrats were: Mr Dukakis, 42 per cent; Mr Jackson, 28 per cent; Senator Paul Simon, 4 per cent; Representative Richard Gephardt, 3 per cent; Senator Albert Gore, 2 per cent, and Mr Gary Hart, 1 per cent.

Mr Jackson said: "The results show that I can get votes from all over the country." The result was all the more impressive because he campaigned only briefly in Maine. He visited striking paper-mill workers in October, which helped him win endorsements from several labour leaders. Last week, sensing that he might do well, his campaign staff invested $10,000 in television advertising.

Governor Dukakis fought hard in Maine, visiting the state seven times recently. Anything but a first place showing would have been disastrous for him. He was the only candidate to advertise regularly on television and outspent each of his rivals by at least five-to-one, maintaining offices in four cities.

●**ATLANTA:** In the crucial fight for the South, the four Republican candidates are trying to outdo each other in claiming to be the heir of President Reagan (Michael Binyon writes).

In a debate here on Sunday — the first and probably last time they will meet before the Super Tuesday primaries next week — Mr Kemp held himself up as the truest keeper of the flame for the "Reagan revolution".

He attacked the two frontrunners, Mr Bush and Mr Dole, as men who talked alike and would both raise taxes, and said if either was nominated "the Reagan revolution is over, gone, dead".

Mr Dole, however, brought with him a stack of computer print-outs of his votes in the Senate to reduce taxes or to stop Democrats raising them. And Mr Bush sharply rounded on Mr Kemp, the underdog in the race, as a man who did not care about deficits.

Mr Robertson was subdued in the debate. He has been badly hurt by a series of unsupported claims in the past week. Mr Bush, who still has a strong lead in the South, faces Mr Robertson in a head-on clash in South Carolina on Saturday.

Alarmed France looks to Nato

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

It has taken more than two decades to come about, but in Brussels later this week the President of France will sit down with other heads of state at a Nato summit meeting.

That has not happened since General de Gaulle quick-marched the nation out of the Western military alliance in 1966. As though to underline the enhanced significance of a gathering normally left to the French Foreign Office, President Mitterrand will be accompanied by his Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac.

So what brings them to Belgium during the run-up to a presidential election in which defence issues scarcely feature? For students of the peculiarities of French defence doctrine since Paris decided to go it alone, this turnaround comes as no great suprise.

"The first thing to ask is, what's in it for France?" says one analyst. "The answer today is that the Government is so alarmed by what is happening to Nato that the French have decided it is time to become good soldiers of Western Europe again."

At the heart of things lies a growing concern in Paris about the impact of the "Gorbachov offensive" on the defence of Europe, and its direct, highly uncomfortable, implications for France.

Above all, there is acute uncertainty about where the INF Treaty — more specifically, the threat to Nato's tactical nuclear weapons — is leading the US and Bonn.

As senior French military analysts see it, Washington's defence commitment to Europe is almost certain to be reduced, sooner rather than later, if the battlefield missiles now deployed to protect US forces are removed.

This fear of being left in the lurch in Europe by the Americans is deep-seated in France. It lay behind General de Gaulle's original decision to quit Nato and develop an independent nuclear *force de frappe* and has been echoed periodically ever since by senior politicians. "Nothing has changed," M Mitterrand observed of US defence priorities a few months ago.

But if the possible "decoupling" of the US weighs heavily on French defence planners, the West German role in post-INF Europe causes just as much worry. The codeword here is the urgent need to "anchor" Bonn more firmly in the Western alliance at a moment when Paris perceives the West Germans to be drifting dangerously in the currents of disarmament.

For most analysts, keeping the Franco-German love-hate affair on the boil is absolutely crucial to building a European defence "pillar" that can function without undermining Nato and provoking disapproval from the US.

For all of Mrs Thatcher's scathing views about "initiatives that play to the gallery" at the possible expense of Nato and the US connection, the Franco-German co-operation already under way — including the mixed army brigade — is seen here as laying the foundations for that pillar.

A dramatic reflection of France's concern to win friends in the White House could be found in the pastoral countryside around Limoges last month, when some 1,000 US Marines wound up a two-week field exercise.

How well French defence overtures to Britain, Europe's other nuclear power, are faring is less clear.

There is some irritation in Paris at Mrs Thatcher's unconcealed belief that if the French want to exercise influence in the defence of Western Europe, the door back into Nato is wide open.

Shamir ready for early poll to fight off Shultz plans

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israel's two main political groups — Likud and Labour — are preparing for early elections depending on the outcome of the peace initiative in the Middle East by Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State.

While it is far from clear so far how successful Mr Shultz has been in interesting Arab countries in his ideas for an international "event" followed by speeded up autonomy for the occupied territories and direct negotiations for a settlement next September, it is now clear that Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, and his Likud faction want nothing to do with it.

He said during a visit to Galilee yesterday that nothing Mr Shultz had said in their three meetings so far had changed his mind. He rejected the plans.

The Prime Minister was also very concerned about persistent rumours that Mr Shultz is preparing to abandon long-established American policy in order to meet Palestinian representatives nominated by the PLO. He admitted that he had been told of no such idea, but just by raising the question of the PLO in Israel, where the organization is universally seen as terrorist-inspired, tends to blacken the plan.

Mr Shamir, encouraged by opinion polls which show that his stand against making any territorial compromise for peace has steadily gained ground since the disturbances began in the occupied territories 11 weeks ago, has ordered his faction to be ready if need be for an early election.

Mr David Magen, a Likud Knesset member, has the task of drawing up the necessary private member's Bill to dissolve Parliament before the scheduled election date in November.

If the Likud leadership decides to go for early elections he will table his Bill, which will certainly win overall support. The timing would indicate that Mr Shamir will take his decision towards the end of April.

Labour, which on its own cannot win a majority for early elections, has nevertheless briefed one of its Knesset members, Mr Haim Ramon, to prepare a Bill calling for them if need be in May.

Mr Shultz, meanwhile, is playing his cards close to his chest. He continued his shuttle round the region yesterday by visiting Amman for the second time, meeting Crown Prince Hassan and Mr Zaid al-Rifai, the Prime Minister. Mr Rifai then flew to London to report to King Husain, who is expected to see Mr Shultz there this morning, to discuss the ideas further.

On the basis of that meeting Mr Shultz will decide if it is worth returning to the region after the Nato Council meeting in Brussels today, where he will be able to consult President Reagan.

Yesteday morning, Mr Shultz had another two-hour session with Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, who left "quite encouraged".

While the talks continued, so did the violence. In Burin village, south of Nablus, a youth was shot dead by a patrol which opened fire after tear gas and rubber bullets had failed to break stone-throwing. During the day another Palestinian died in hospital from wounds received during a demonstration in Jenin last Thursday.

Four soldiers and an officer arrested after the screening of a CBS film showing them beating two Palestinian youths were released during the day pending a decision from the military prosecutor on whether to charge them.

Beirut (Reuter) — Two Norwegian peacekeeping soldiers each lost a leg when they walked into a minefield in southern Lebanon, a United Nations spokesman said yesterday. The soldiers, who were part of an eight-man patrol, were injured on Sunday at the village of Blat, north of Marjayoun in Israel's self-declared "security zone". Both the soldiers were in a stable condition after treatment, the spokesman reported.

Afghan peace talks

War weariness forces Pakistan hand

From Michael Hamlyn, Islamabad

It is evident that a profound war weariness among the people of Pakistan is forming the attitude of their Government and the opposition as the Pakistan and Afghan foreign ministers and their delegations arrive in Geneva for tomorrow's opening of what everybody expects will be the last session of indirect negotiations between them.

While Señor Diego Cordóvez, the United Nations Under Secretary-General and special representative on the Afghan issue, shuttles between the rooms in Geneva containing each delegation, the Pakistanis at home are firmly expecting an agreement that will allow the Russians to withdraw their troops, and finally allow the three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan to return home.

For the Government the return of the refugees is a prime item of policy, but they are sounding a note of caution. The refugees will not go back if there is bloodshed and mayhem in the streets of Kabul and if the war against the Russian invaders is succeeded by a civil war.

For this reason Mr Zain Noorani, the Pakistani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who will be heading the Geneva delegation, identified before he left a difference in emphasis on priorities between his government and the Americans.

"For the Americans the prime interest is the withdrawal of Soviet forces and they do not want to risk any delay in this," he said.

But he pointed out: "No less important for Pakistan is the creation of circumstances whereby the three million Afghan refugees can be persuaded to go back to Afghanistan".

At the same time the Pakistanis do not want to get embroiled in negotiations over what shape an interim government should take.

They are of the opinion that the form of government is a matter for the Afghans themselves to decide, and to that end have been urging the Mujahidin to come up with a proposal. The guerrillas have indicated at least their willingness to negotiate.

There is a feeling among Pakistan officials that ideally the matter should be negotiated directly between the Mujahidin and the Russians.

Security dulls glitter of 'feisty Yorks'

From Charles Bremner, Los Angeles

The waiters at the Biltmore Hotel had just been treated to "a refresher etiquette course". They clearly did not give one to the security men at the royal gala.

"Say that once more, buddy, and you're outta here," growled one of the army of secret service guards as he shoved a protesting gentleman of the British press back against a barrier. By the third day of the visit by the Duke and Duchess of York to promote British goods in Los Angeles, nerves on all sides were fraying.

Guarding the royal couple from harm in a city of a million handguns is a tough assignment. One hapless citizen found himself under arrest because he was spotted on Sunday carrying his licensed rifle.

Helicopters drone close overhead as the royal motorcade shuttles from venue to venue and back to the safety of the royal yacht Britannia. The public hardly gets a glimpse, something that has started irking the local media.

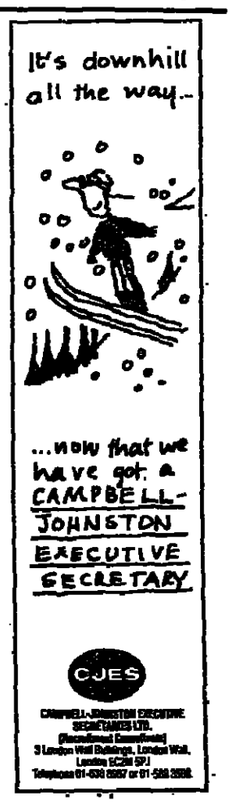
Heavy-handed security and poor organization are dulling the sparkle that the "feisty Yorks" came to purvey in Southern California. The local media as well as Fleet Street's royal reporters came close to rebellion at the gala dinner on Sunday night, being squashed in a security pen for three hours. The dinner was attended by what the Hollywood columnists called mainly B-list celebrities and local businessmen.

During the toasts, the Royal Marine band in white helmets fanned out through the aisles belting out "Hearts of Oak".

"Americans like to think they have a superior sense of humour," said Dr Armand Hammer, the billionaire tycoon and Kremlin intimate who was host to the occasion. The audience, many of whom forked out $1,000 (about £550) each, obliged by falling about with mirth at every phrase of the Duke's reply — for example, that he was a "warm-up act" for Mr Roger Moore.

The Duchess got into the spirit of things with an exchange across the room with a diner who had shouted "We love you" at her. "I'll see you later," she shot back, bringing the house down.

The true business started yesterday with the Duke and Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, presenting the case for investment in Britain to a gathering of businessmen on board the Britannia. Invitations like that, Southern Californians do not refuse.



The war in Angola

Luanda forces braced for South African onslaught

From Jan Raath, Cuito Cuanavale, south-east Angola

Angolan government troops, with Cuban defensive support, appear to be reinforcing in readiness for a fresh offensive by South Africa and the Unita rebels on the strategic town of Cuito Cuanavale in south-east Angola.

South African long-range artillery continued their bombardment of areas around the town on Sunday afternoon during the visit of a group of foreign journalists. They were the first to be brought by the Angolan Government to the scene of the most concerted engagements along the 800-mile border with Namibia.

South African conventional forces – estimated by Colonel Manuel Francisco Tuta, the military commander for the province of Cuanda Cubango, as being four battalions, totalling 8,000 men drawn from the South African Defence Force and the South-West Africa Territorial Force – have been pounding Cuito Cuanavale with artillery and air bombings for the past four months.

The object is to take the town and secure its heavy-duty runway and the strategic main roads to the north.

The drive follows the defeat in October of an Angolan offensive against the town of Mavinga. It was their second such failure in the battle for what is the most northern town held by Unita and South Africa. It is acknowledged here that the offensive failed because of large-scale intervention by the South Africans.

Colonel Tuta said at Menongue, about 60 miles north-west of here, that Cuito would provide the South African and Unita forces with a strategic base from which to launch far-reaching air attacks on the north. South African jets can now fly only from their bases on the Namibian border. He added that the Angolan Government believed that Unita intended to move its headquarters from Jamba in the south-east corner of the country to Cuito and declare independence.

Sunday's trip from Menongue, on whose runway could be seen five MiG-23s and an equal number of Mi8 and Mi25 heavy helicopter gunships and troop carriers, was an eye-opener.

Despite the bombardment, the long road through the dense highveld bush to Cuito is intact. The town itself is standing, though about a third of the pink, blue and orange single-storey colonial Portuguese buildings have been hit. What we saw of the runway also appeared in good order, but too exposed to attacks for an operational base.

The town, occupied by theAngolan armed forces, (Fapla), is surrounded by a civilian population living in mud and grass huts.

More significant were the signs of heavy concentrations of Fapla and Cuban troops. South-east of Menongue, the town is heavily defended with artillery, tanks and trenches.

Interspersed all the way are similar positions, dug in and heavily camouflaged. Ten minutes out of Cuito by helicopter was a convoy of 400-500 vehicles backed up against the leading vehicle.

The tanks, infantry-filled troop carriers, rockets, field pieces and tonnes of ammunition had travelled most of the way from Menongue, evidence that the road has been secured against Unita ambushes, and that South Africa cannot carry out bombing sorties with impunity.

Closer to the town, dozens of side-roads turn off through the red, sandy soil, some with no-smoking signs hinting at the highly explosive contents concealed in the bush.

Also visible was a rack of white, thin, long missiles pointing to the south-east, as well as tanks, anti-aircraft batteries, radar screens and mobile communications lorries, all hidden under the trees.

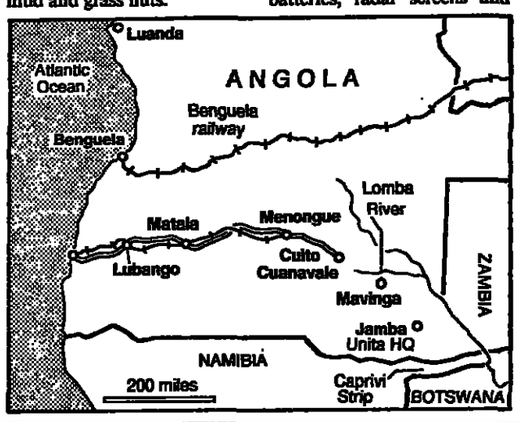
Up to six miles in front of the town and over a ridge, said Major Armindo Morreira, the Angloan political commissar for the front who escorted us, were government troops dug in for infantry combat against the South Africans. "Heavy fighting" took place in the forward area last Friday, and the South African losses were severe, he said, although it was not possible to quantify the casualties.

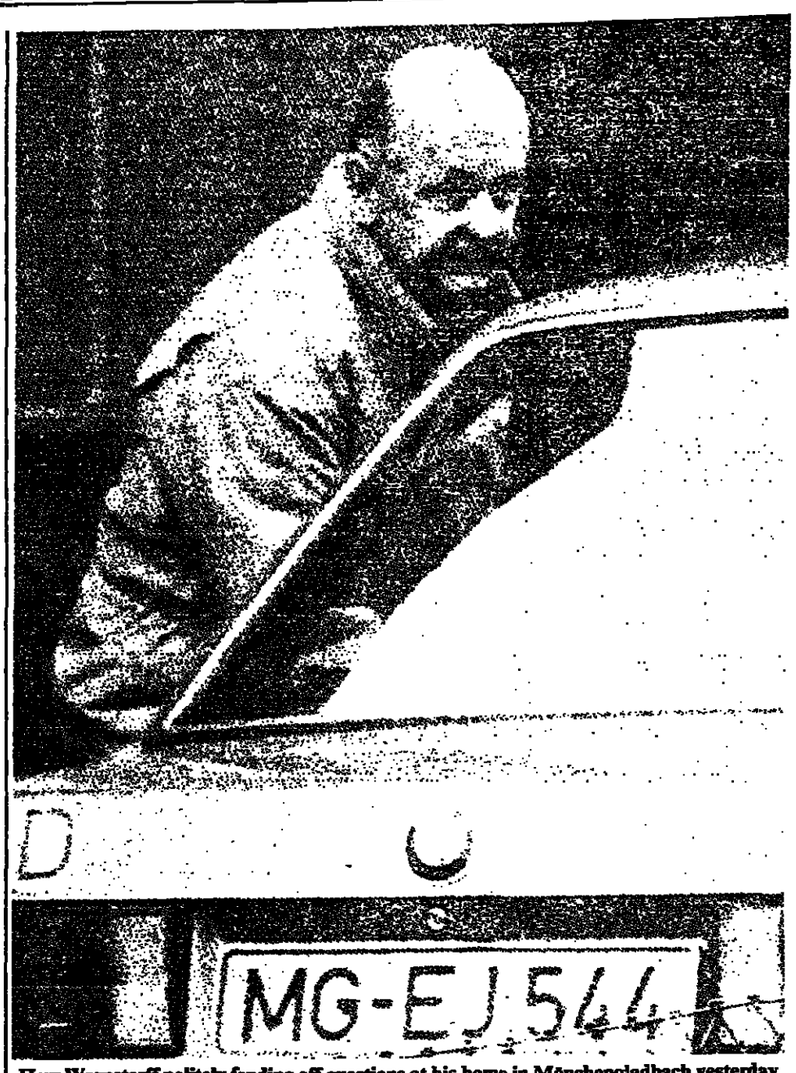
Cuban troops we met along the road told us that big battles had also been fought on February 20, 24 and 25, with the South Africans attacking with AM160 and AM190 armoured cars. On February 20, they said, the rockets brought down two Mirages.

We were told that only the Angolan Army operates on the frontline in direct combat, while the Cuban forces man defensive positions in the immediate rear. There was no evidence of Cubans beyond a road block about a mile from Cuito.

From what we saw, the forces opposing the South Africans are equipped with prodigious weaponry and probably stretched over a wide front on either side of Cuito.

The troops and officers we spoke to were assertive and confident. "There is no more fear, we are accustomed to the bombings," said a Cuban, aged 19. Another told us that they need three minutes to lock a Mach 2 Mirage in their missile-linked radar systems. "After that, they are gone," he said. The buoyant men we saw could not have come from a dispirited force on the point of a rout.





Herr Warnstorff politely fending off questions at his home in Mönchengladbach yesterday.

Waldheim's wartime chief denies role in Britons' fate

From Robert Fisk, Mönchengladbach, West Germany

"We did not give them to the Gestapo – we told our staff headquarters that they should take the British commandos." The pale features of Dr Kurt Waldheim's wartime commanding officer peered through the car window. "There was a Major Hammer in the *Abwehr* – the army intelligence – he made the decisions," he said. "We did not give the British to the Gestapo."

The former German Army colonel, Herr Herbert Warnstorff was in a hurry. He was in no mood for delay, let alone interviews. "No, I cannot talk to you about Dr Waldheim. I am very sorry. Journalists have come to me before – my family gets very upset. I am sorry." Herr Warnstorff proferred a small and elderly hand through his car window by way of terminating what was clearly an unwelcome conversation.

Colonel Herbert Warnstorff, of the *Wehrmacht's* Army Group E headquarters near Salonika, was Dr Waldheim's immediate superior in 1944 when six British commandos were brought to the headquarters after being captured on the Greek island of Alimnia. Dr Waldheim was then the third-ranking intelligence officer in the counter-intelligence section of *Heeresgruppe E*. Herr Warnstorff is regarded by several historians as the man who sent the Britons to their deaths.

Unlike the former Oberleutnant Waldheim – and his other wartime colleague in Salonika, Oberleutnant Helmuth Poliza – ex-Colonel Warnstorff clearly remembered the British prisoners although he did not want to talk about them. "They were with us, yes," he said. "Really, I cannot talk – I am sorry. We did not hand them to the Gestapo. We gave them to the staff (headquarters)." Here, he pointed upward with his index finger towards the roof of his car. "I must go – I have an appointment at a school."

It was not an easy interview. Herr Warnstorff lives now at Mönchengladbach, near Cologne, in a suburban road of detached houses and small gardens almost as nondescript as he now appeared to be; grey-haired and balding, studying his questioner through thin-framed spectacles, smiling politely as he made his excuses.

British Foreign Office documents state that the British commandos – whose exact fate has still to be determined – were "handed over" after capture to "representatives of Lieutenant-Colonel Warnstorff", presumably to his two subordinates, Oberleutnants Waldheim and Poliza.

"I can't speak about Waldheim – I have told you that," Herr Warnstorff said. "These men (the commandos), we gave them to the staff above us. It was not us who sent them to the SD (*Sicherheitsdienst* – Gestapo security service). It was the staff who handed them over. Hammer was there. Yes, the British were then given to the Gestapo."

Was this for execution, for *Sonderbehandlung* ("special treatment") as the Gestapo called it? "Look I am late, I have to go," Herr Warnstorff said. "I simply cannot talk to you. Goodbye." The elderly hand appeared again at the window. "Yes, they were given to the Gestapo, but not by us. Thank you."

Herr Warnstorff drove away from his modest home, a small, hunched figure at the wheel of a small, grey family car. He and the former *Oberleutnants* Waldheim and Poliza still keep in touch by telephone, old *Kameraden* who still seem to feel the bonds of wartime loyalty – and discretion.

Russia accused of spy pressure

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Renewed allegations that during his 10-year period as Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr Kurt Waldheim bowed to Soviet pressure for changes in staffing policy which allowed it to develop a spy network in the Secretariat, have come from two sources.

In Toronto, a former US Justice Department lawyer, Mr Eli Rosenbaum, claimed that Moscow used its knowledge of Dr Waldheim's war record to force him to make concessions.

Mr Rosenbaum, a former general counsel to the World Jewish Congress who served four years as a trial lawyer with the Justice Department's special unit investigating war criminals, said that Moscow knew Dr Waldheim had served under the Nazi commander, General Alexander Loehr, who was hanged as a war criminal in 1947.

"Rather than blow (Waldheim's) cover, the Soviets used the information to extract a five-year agreement from Mr Waldheim to dramatically increase the number of Soviet nationals on the UN Secretariat staff," he said at a Toronto synagogue. "Until just a few years ago, when US law was changed, the UN was the principal espionage base of the Soviet Union in the US and for very good reason," Mr Rosenbaum said.

Related allegations were made in a report published by the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies yesterday. The report* alleged that a change of UN policy during Dr Waldheim's term enabled the Soviet Union to turn a UN department into a spying post.

It said that allegations about Dr Waldheim's war record had overshadowed the possibility that he was working for Moscow while at the UN.

"Whatever the truth of the allegation, Waldheim's UN record speaks for itself. By means of a little-known but crucial policy change, he transformed the Russian Interpretation Section and Russian Translation Services into what now appears to be a *major Soviet espionage post.*"

The change modified the policy of hiring staff on the basis of ability. "Following the change, only Soviet nationals were hired."

In an unofficial reply, an Austrian source said that the change in the UN's hiring rules would not have been proposed by Dr Waldheim but by the organization's personnel department.

**The UN: Assessing Soviet Abuses*, by Juliana Geran Pilon and Ralph Kinney Bennett. (Published for the IEDSS, 13 Golden Square, London W1R 3AG, price £4.50).

Doctor on trial over Pretoria call-up

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

A white South African doctor, Dr Ivan Toms, went on trial in Cape Town yesterday for refusing to serve a period of compulsory national service.

If found guilty, he is liable to a minimum of 18 months in jail. Sentence is expected at the end of the week.

The trial provides a focus for the small but growing number of young South African whites who support the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), one of their country's least well-known anti-apartheid organizations.

Since its founding in 1983, its members have often been harassed and from time to time arrested, but the ECC has escaped outright banning so far. However, under the state of emergency, it is prohibited from openly calling on whites to evade conscription.

The organization said yesterday: "We hope that Dr Toms's brave stand will contribute to the provision of realistic alternatives to military service."

All young white males are required by law to do two years' national service, and are then liable to a further 720 days' periodic military duty over 12 years, making four years of military service in all. Blacks are not liable for conscription.

It is possible to ask to be given a non-combatant role in the South African Defence Force (SADF), or to apply to be allowed to do "alternative service", usually low-paid community work, outside the services for six years.

But the "alternative service" option is open only to those who can satisfy a board of examiners that they have profound religious, and not merely pacifist objections to doing military service.

Dr Toms, in his mid-thirties and the son of a water meter reader from Durban, completed his medical degree at the University of Cape Town in 1978, and then, reluctantly, did his two years of basic national service in the SADF as a non-combatant doctor in the Ciskei tribal homeland and Namibia.

In the early 1980s, he set up a clinic in the Crossroads shanty town outside Cape Town and witnessed the daily raids by police demolition squads.

For him, as for many other young whites, their crisis of conscience became acute towards the end of 1984 when troops, nearly all young white conscripts, began to be used to support the police in quelling unrest in black townships.

Last November, Dr Toms forced the Army to take action against him when he reported for military camp duty at 3 Medical Battalion headquarters in Cape Town and then announced that he was refusing to serve.

It is difficult to assess accurately what impact the ECC has had on the attitude of young whites as the Government for the past two years has refused to disclose statistics on draft-dodging.

However the authorities do appear to be concerned about a growing unwillingness to "die in defence of apartheid", as ECC campaigners put it, or to shore up South Africa's occupation of Namibia – an illegal presence, according to international law.

Confession withdrawn by couple

Bahrain (Reuter) – A Briton and his Irish wife, charged with murdering an Irish nurse in Saudi Arabia, yesterday withdrew their confessions, a British Embassy spokesman in Riyadh said.

Peter Hall told the court he had been promised repatriation and a trial in Britain if he signed a confession saying he had killed Helen Feeney, the spokesman said. The trial was adjourned.

Envoys jailed

Rabat (Reuter) – Three Moroccan diplomats, one a former cultural attaché in Moscow and chargé d'affaires in Warsaw, and a doctor have been jailed for life for spying for the Soviet Union.

Crew expelled

Port Moresby (Reuter) – Papua New Guinea expelled a six-man British film crew and accused them of planning an "outrageously untrue" feature on the island state.

Sabotage out

Nicosia (Reuter) – Investigators have ruled out sabotage or air traffic control error when a chartered airliner crashed in northern Cyprus on Saturday, killing 15 people.

Landslide toll

Rabat (Reuter) – The final toll from a landslide which crushed a shantytown in the city of Fez on Saturday was 52 dead and six injured.

Ship sinks

Amsterdam (Reuter) – An abandoned Swedish cargo ship capsized and sank 12 miles off the Dutch coast after drifting past several North Sea oil rigs and a lightship.

Papal visit

Warsaw (Reuter) – Cardinal Josef Glemp left here for a five-day visit to Rome to meet the Pope.

Protests follow Diouf election victory

Crackdown ordered in Dakar

Dakar (Reuter) – President Diouf of Senegal declared a state of emergency in Dakar, the capital, yesterday, while the outcome of the general election on Sunday remained unclear.

The measure came after violent clashes between supporters of President Diouf and his main opponent in the elections, Mr Abdoulaye Wade.

Riot police have taken up positions at strategic points in Dakar and witnesses said tear gas was being used to break up unauthorized gatherings.

According to unofficial results, President Diouf won a new five-year mandate in the election, but Mr Wade has called the polls a masquerade and the unofficial returns ridiculous.

During campaigning he threatened to disrupt the polls and engage in civil disobedience if any trace of electoral fraud emerged.

Nairobi (Reuter) – President Moi of Kenya began a third five-year term of office yesterday after being nominated unopposed. He was the only candidate nominated by the country's sole political party, the Kenya African National Union. Parliamentary elections are scheduled for March 21.

Election day itself was relatively calm, but yesterday Dakar University was sealed off as riot police smashed their way into campus buildings and detained an undisclosed number of students.

According to witnesses, some students were dragged from bed and beaten up. Others said police shaved the heads of some students to identify them should they take part in demonstrations.

Some escaped arrest and went on the rampage in surrounding areas, setting fire to vehicles, witnesses said.

Mr Wade, a lawyer and economist aged 61, has widespread support among young Senegalese.

The headquarters of his Senegalese Democratic Party were raided yesterday by police using armoured vehicles and tear gas.

The Democratic Party had planned to demonstrate against alleged fraud in voting but under the state of emergency – which is confined to the capital and suburbs – public meetings are banned.

President Diouf blamed the opposition for student strikes and rioting which marred the campaign and voting in several cities.

The West African nation, a former French colony, is one of the continent's few parliamentary democracies. President Diouf's Socialist Party has been in power since independence in 1960.

According to unofficial returns issued by Senegalese radio, President Diouf received 77 per cent of the vote compared with Mr Wade's 21.

Technician held since 1985

By Caroline Moorehead

A former senior electrical engineering technician working for the Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis, who has neither been charged nor tried by a court, is being held in a prison camp in Parakou in central Benin.

Grégoire Kpekpede, who is 32, was arrested in December 1985, apparently on suspicion of supporting the PCD, the Parti Communiste du Dahomey, a banned political party. His continuing and indefinite detention is in violation both of international human rights treaties to which Benin is a signatory, and to the country's Constitution.

Benin, a small, sparsely-populated country on the west coast of Africa, became independent from France in 1960. Between then and 1972 it had six military coups, 10 attempted coups, 12 governments and six constitutions.

The last coup was in 1972, when a French-trained paratrooper, Mathieu Kérékou took power. Brigadier General Kérékou is now President of a Marxist-Leninist Government which has banned Christmas and Easter as holidays. With more than 15 years of uninterrupted rule by Brigadier Kérékou, Benin is considered a stable country, although much of that stability rests on widespread repression of opponents.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Benin

Mr Kpekpede's arrest came at a time of student unrest during 1985, when about 130 people, most of them students, were taken into custody. He was one of a small number of older teachers, engineers, scientists and factory workers held for their suspected sympathies or because of alleged connections with the PCD.

Of those 130, 50 prisoners were released in September, 1986, and a further 13 last October, on the orders of President Kérékou. Mr Kpekpede is one of those who remain in detention, with no expectation of early release. At his camp, Séro Kpéra, where food is scarce and relatives' visits are kept to five minutes at a time, there have been reports of torture, particularly with something called the *rodéo*, in which prisoners are made to crawl or walk barefoot over sharp stones.

Web of corruption that provides a passport to freedom

From Roger Boyes
Istanbul

Tumbling down towards the Golden Horn, past the middle-aged shoeshine boys and the dealers who sell fake Rolexes for £10 and the men who hire out their sisters, past the Aksaray mosque and the small bunker-like bazaar, Iranians *can negotiate the price of their* freedom from the rule of the mullahs. In Istanbul, of course, you can buy anything, sell anything.

Having deserted from the Gulf War, through the mountains of south-east Turkey, young Iranians must quickly find a new identity. The contact is at a neon-lit cafe in the Aksaray district of Istanbul (Little Iran), but we move rapidly to the Hotel Tahran, a flaking *pension* dressed up as a first-class hostelry. Two women, unveiled, are comparing newly-bought leather jackets. The contact unsnaps his middle-management briefcase and shows me a Spanish passport (forged) for $1,000, an Iranian passport (genuine) for $800, and a Turkish passport (genuine but stolen two weeks earlier) for $600.

These are the current rates and reflect the lot of the Iranian who wants to run away from his war. A Spanish passport is attractive because there is an automatic right of entry into a European Community country. With this document one can slide into the most sympathetic European state – probably West Germany at the moment. Then one destroys the passport and claims political asylum. However, the Spanish passport is a poor forgery.

The Iranian document is for the illegals who have arrived without identification. With the document they can start the process of applying for permission to enter the United States, Canada, Australia or Britain.

A Turkish passport is a risky business, since stolen numbers are registered on the computer of the Interior Ministry. But potentially, it too can get an Iranian into Europe.

"A great deal of money is changing hands," confides a Western diplomat whose job is to weed out the forgeries. Fake passports are succeeded by bribes to jump the visa or asylum queues.

If you have fake documents, airline clerks often also have to be bribed before they sell you a ticket (this is politely called a "deposit").

It is not surprising, then, that the Iranians have started their own crime syndicate in Istanbul, although it does not really challenge the local, pervasive mafia. It has a hold on the drug business, stolen cars and the night club protection racket. This is a survival device: since many Iranians are reconciled to waiting years before they can make their next step to Europe or North America, they have to support themselves, but cannot work legally.

The Iranian mafia is also a way of taking the "fencing" business out of the hands of the Turks. Iranian refugees who arrived with diamonds to finance their journey were often undersold by the Turkish dealers.

The Iranian community in Istanbul is a complex one made up of supporters of the former Prime Minister, Shapour Bakhtiar; of the Shah (though these are few); of the completely unpolitical; of the extremely devout but politically neutral; of Muslim fundamentalists; and of spies. Outside the community, living in the plush hotels over the other side of the Golden Horn, there are also the wealthy pro-regime Iranians.

Turkey has much to play for in Iran. It is negotiating an oil pipeline that will give Iran access to the Mediterranean and reduce Tehran's dependence on the dangerous Gulf. Iraq already has such a pipeline running through south-east Turkey, and Turkish troops have succeeded in keeping the Kurds away from this natural target. The revenues from Iraq are large, and a good deal is expected from Tehran.

Iran is important to Turkey's export trade and to its energy supply. It is thus fairly predictable that Iran has started to complain about the numbers of Iranians crossing the Turkish border.

One of Turkey's main foreign policy goals is full membership of the European Community. But it knows that it must cling to an image of political stability. Unrest fuelled by religious militants will not help its case.

The Turkish authorities were shocked when Mr Bakhktiar said in a recent interview that there were many political militants in Turkey ready to take up arms against Tehran. Turkish informers have tried to penetrate the Iranian community, but the best informed authorities are certainly the regime in Tehran. It therefore serves Ankara's interests to co-operate closely with Iran on security matters.

The makings of a deal emerged after recent bilateral talks between Turkey and Iran. Turkish soldiers are now replacing the frontier police on the main Iranian and Iraqi entry points. The chief reason is to stop the Kurdish separatists raiding Turkish villages: 240 villagers and 50 police were killed by Kurds last year. When the Turks tried to pursue them across the mountains – or stage a retaliatory air strike – they stumbled into a huge diplomatic row with both Iraq and Iran. Now Iran has reached an understanding with Ankara about border incursions, and the Turks are starting to be tougher on the frontiers. Iran, for its part, will try to tighten the reins on the Kurdish Workers Party and direct them more against Iraq than against Turkey.

Concluded

Flight from Iran's war
Part 2

Baghdad says missiles hit civilians

From A Correspondent
Bahrain

Iran, retaliating for Iraqi air raids on four of its cities, said yesterday it had fired three long-range missiles into Baghdad before dawn yesterday, targeting military installations and state-owned broadcasting facilities.

Baghdad Radio claimed that there were only two missiles and that both hit residential areas, causing civilian casualties. "Many Iraqis were killed, among them women, children and old people. Many more were wounded and many houses were destroyed," the radio said. The strike, believed to have involved Soviet-designed "Scud B" missiles, was the first on Baghdad in nearly four months and possibly signalled another round of the so-called "war of the cities".

The official Iranian news agency said the attacks were in reprisal for Iraqi air raids which hit "non-military areas" of Tehran and three other cities in the past few days, killing more than 20 civilians and wounding more. Saturday's Iraqi air raid on Tehran was the first in over a year.

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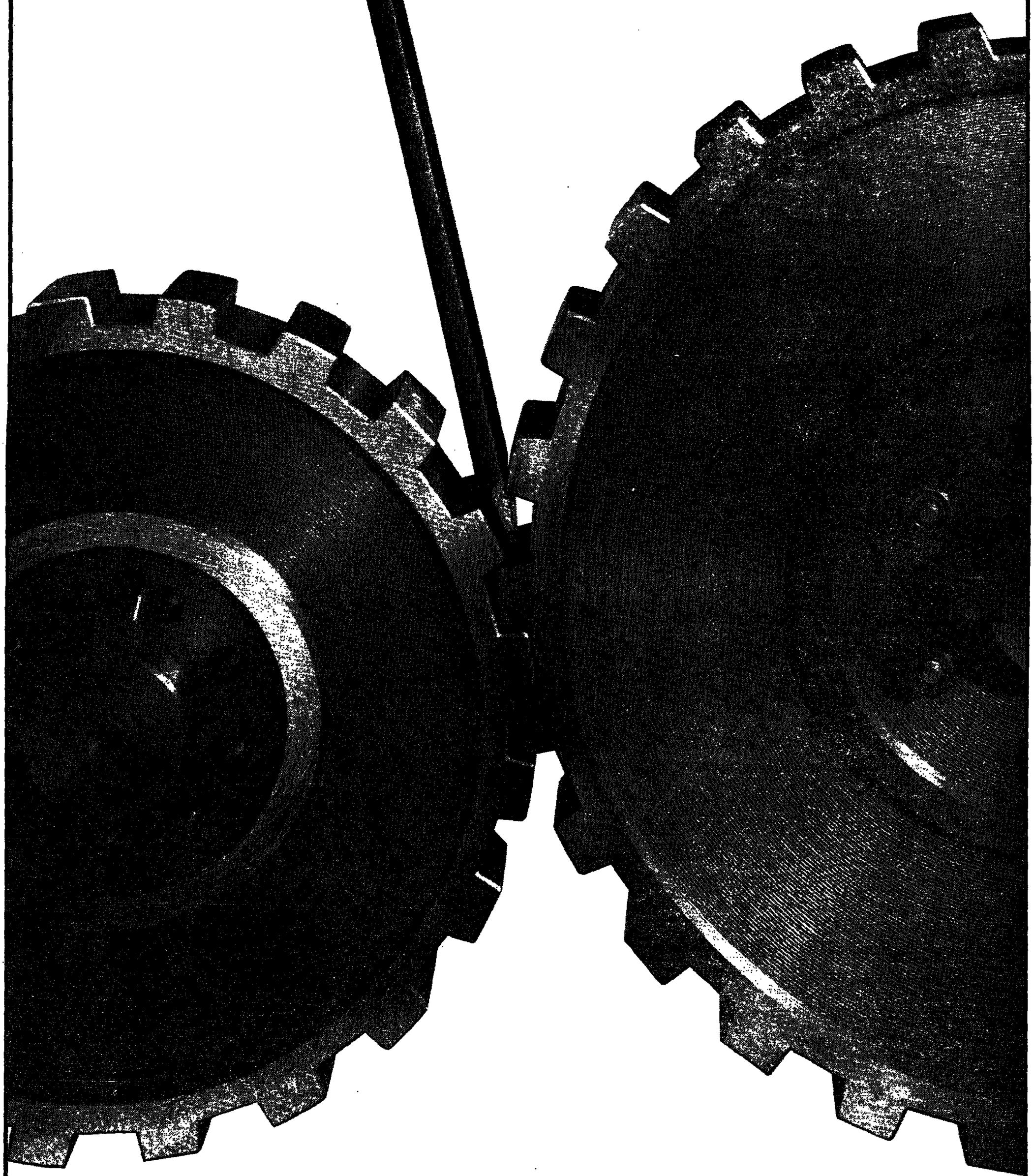
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Tax claw in the velvet glove

THE HIDDEN POWERS OF THE TAXMAN

The passive tax collector of old has become a ruthless and aggressive revenue official eager to meet government cash targets and earn promotion points. In the first of a new series, William Greaves and Vivien Goldsmith report on the tactics now worrying accountants

TIM BISHOP



In a rare flight of literary fancy, Her Majesty's Board of Inland Revenue has enlisted the posthumous help of poet Robert Browning to define its tax-gathering philosophy. "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, Or what's a heaven for?" quotes its annual report.

There are, however, a growing number of companies, private individuals and professional advisers who believe that the Revenue has now reversed that admirable sentiment, that its grasp is fast outstripping its legitimate reach and that, whatever the outcome of this new-found enthusiasm, it certainly is not popularly regarded as heaven. During the 1980s, the passive tax collector has become a competitive money gatherer.

Accountants, traditionally anxious not to rock the boat in their relationship with the Revenue, have now become sufficiently alarmed by the new catch-as-catch-can ruthlessness of the British tax collector as to voice openly their anxieties.

Two of them, Jeremy Allan and David MacLean, tax specialists with the prominent partnership, Arthur Young, have even recently gone into print — in their company's magazine, *Business View* — to describe the new policy as "not so much to produce officials well-versed in the intricacies of taxation as to instil an aggressive, questioning attitude in its inspectors."

And they add, more ominously: "In the past, there had always been a charitable assumption that the average businessman with tax difficulties was innocent until proven guilty. Henceforth he would be required to demonstrate that innocence."

Allan and MacLean — the latter spent 13 years with the Inland Revenue, including work as a Special Office investigator, before joining Arthur Young — assign the tax office's "new-found inquisitiveness" to "an obvious desire to meet the cash collection targets imposed on it by government."

Another accountant makes the same point with even greater force: "The average inspector of taxes," he says, "is part of an aggressive business operation whose role is to collect as much money as possible."

So has the pendulum swung from the days when only the deliberate miscreant need fear the harrowing experience of official investigation to a new age in which an inadvertent error can induce the full panoply of the inspectors' retribution?

Is it true, as another accountant claims, that individual taxmen are allotted points for the number of "adjustments" — officialese for confessions — they succeed in extracting from taxpayers, and these points are later used for assessing their worthiness for promotion? And, if so, whatever happened to the Taxpayer's Charter, published jointly by the Board of Inland Revenue and HM Customs and Excise in July 1986, which states: "You will be presumed to have dealt with your tax affairs honestly, unless there is reason to believe otherwise"?

'The Inland Revenue can and does arrive on taxpayers' doorsteps early in the morning'

"No longer a desk-bound functionary, prosecuting his affairs by letter and by telephone, the average tax inspector has been prompted to take a much more active and, it might be argued, belligerent role in checking the data supplied to him by taxpayers and employers," say Allan and MacLean.

"The horror stories of dawn swoops by teams of black-coated men clutching Gladstone bags and pocket calculators are certainly exaggerated but the fact remains that there has been an upsurge in the number of different investigation units, each with its own areas of specialization and method of work. Make no mistake about it, the Inland Revenue can and does arrive on taxpayers' doorsteps early in the morning . . . "

There can be little doubt that the new code of aggression is paying dividends for the Treasury. By the end of the current financial year, 68,000 Inland Revenue staff will have collected about £60 billion in direct taxes from more than 25 million people, companies and other bodies. And the amount raised by counter-fraud and counter-avoidance investigators has leapt from about £50 million 10 years ago to £305 million in 1983 and to more than £741 million in the financial year which ended in April 1987.

But the Institute of Taxation, the professional body of tax specialists, recently asked to comment on new proposals being considered by the Government to add to the enforcement powers of the Inland Revenue, warned that the first effects of any such change was likely to fall on the business community.

If the change was "perceived by them to be unfair, there is a very real danger that it would become unworkable, or there would be a very marked and rapid shift towards more adversarial relationships between the Departments and taxpayers, with both sides adopting extremely aggressive technical positions."

Many accountants believe that such a state of extreme disharmony already exists in Britain and the Institute offers the further caution that in other countries where there is a similar mutual aggression "the tax revenue yield declines rather than increases, and there is no positive impact on the black economy".

The words might be carefully selected but the message is clear. Get too tough and the co-operation of the taxpayer will wither — and without that co-operation the Government will pick up less money, not more.

Technical committee chairman, John Clark, further spells out the Institute's fears: "It would be intolerable if individual inspectors were enabled to go on 'fishing expeditions', trawling through a business's files in the hope of finding something contentious, without first having reasonable grounds for believing that something is amiss."

Yet, when he feels that *something* is wrong, the taxman is already using "fishing" tactics to unearth other irregularities about which he has no suspicion. Monroe Palmer, a partner in London accountants Palmer Marshall, explains the technique: "The inspectors do not tell the client what they think they know — they write a letter to him or his accountant, saying that they are not prepared to accept the accounts because they appear to be incomplete.

"This sends a message to the accountant that the inspector has uncovered something. Then begins a cat and mouse game which can go on for months. The tax inspector will withhold the information he has in the expectation that, so long as he keeps his client guessing about what he knows, more and more 'forgotten' items will be disclosed to him."



Tax on the attack: accountants David MacLean (above) and Monroe Palmer (left) worried by the revenue's inquisitiveness

'Their cat and mouse game can go on for months'

Andrew Jones, tax partner of leading London accountants Ernst and Whinney, says: "The Inland Revenue has become profit-orientated and their profit is the amount they can collect." There is, too, a widely-held belief that the career prospects of individual tax men are dictated by the success they have had in obtaining "adjustments" — the technical term for extra tax over and above the amount first agreed to in the taxpayer's submission.

"There is a system," says Jones, "whereby points are allocated. Records are kept of the 'profit' adjustments and individual inspectors are given credit for the increases they achieve." In fairness, however, Jones readily acknowledges that notice is also taken of those inspectors who attract more than their share of complaints from the public.

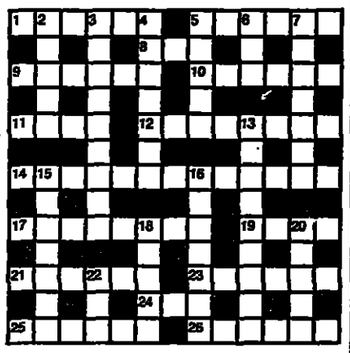
Thus today's career-conscious tax man must be ready to hide his iron fist within a velvet glove. Although readily admitting that targets are set for the detection of tax avoidance, the Board of Inland Revenue is circumspect when it comes to individual officials. "The yield and cost/yield ratios of enforcement work are monitored carefully," says its annual report. "But it would not be appropriate to set targets for individuals in these terms." The terms in which such targets *are* set, however, are not disclosed.

One way in which the taxmen have responded to their quest for meeting quotas is to abandon their policy of the 1970s, when they tended to scan all accounts submitted to them, and concentrate their resources where they will have the maximum impact. To this end, accounts are marked with A (for "accept"), R (for "review" — usually because of a technical point of principle) and E (for "examine").

For individuals, about 90 per cent are accorded an A, 7 per cent R and under 3 per cent the dreaded E, meaning that the tax officer believes he is looking at less than the truth. Companies more frequently end up in the middle of the spectrum than individuals, about 70 per cent getting the A stamp, 29 per cent R and only just over 1 per cent E.

It is when a set of accounts falls into either the R or E catagory that the battle begins. It is a battle involving all the cut and thrust of strategic concessions, plea bargaining and penalties. "But it can be a very one-sided negotiation," says Andrew Jones, "because the Inland Revenue has all the powers."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1502



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1 Cross-country skiing (6)
5 Thunder flies (6)
8 Kangaroo (3)
9 S American cloak (6)
10 Sought by police (6)
11 Arizona tableland (4)
12 Strong yellow weedkiller (8)
14 Elements list (8,5)
17 Avebury Thames track (8)
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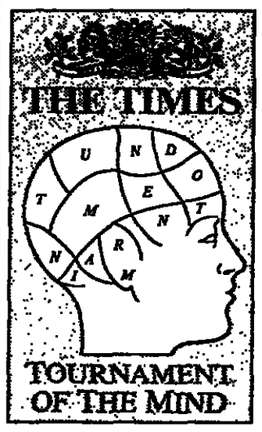
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15 Turned out (7)
16 Brilliant glass (7)
18 Spread (5)
20 Wheat powder (5)
22 Spanish river (3)

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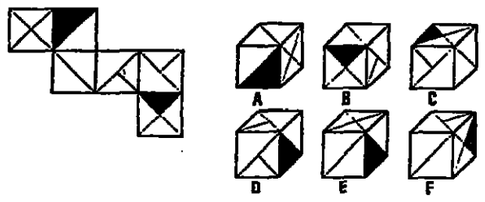
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Tackle all the questions — remember it is the top scores that count

1 LOGIC Score 5

Which of the six cubes below cannot be made from the unfolded one?



2 VERBAL Score 4

The groups of letters which follow are jumbled words. Unscramble the words and discover the most obvious one out.

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3 MATHS Score 4

Arrange four nines so that they equal 20.

4 MISCELLANEOUS Score 6

In a 100 metre race, John beat Peter by five metres. They decide to run the race again, but this time Peter starts on the 100 metre start line while John starts exactly five metres behind it. They both complete the race at exactly the same running speed as before. Who won the second race?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
Score 2 points for 1 and 5, 1 point for the rest

1 In which British town was Constantine the Great acclaimed Emperor of Rome?

2 What kind of animal formed the crew of Sputnik 2?

3 Which word describes objects of reddish, unglazed clay?

4 What is the correct name of the "Dog Star"?

5 Which composer wrote the work nicknamed The Harmonious Blacksmith?

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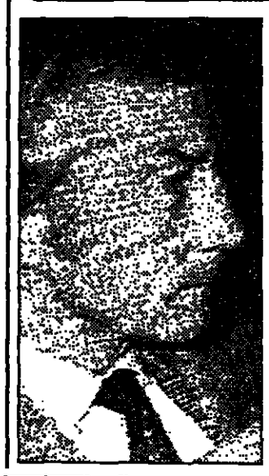
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TOMORROW



The 'hit squads': Increasingly, the taxman is leaving his desk and going undercover in his attempt to catch tax evaders. Lester Piggott (left) may be the most famous victim but you do not have to owe millions to be the subject of an Inland Revenue investigation

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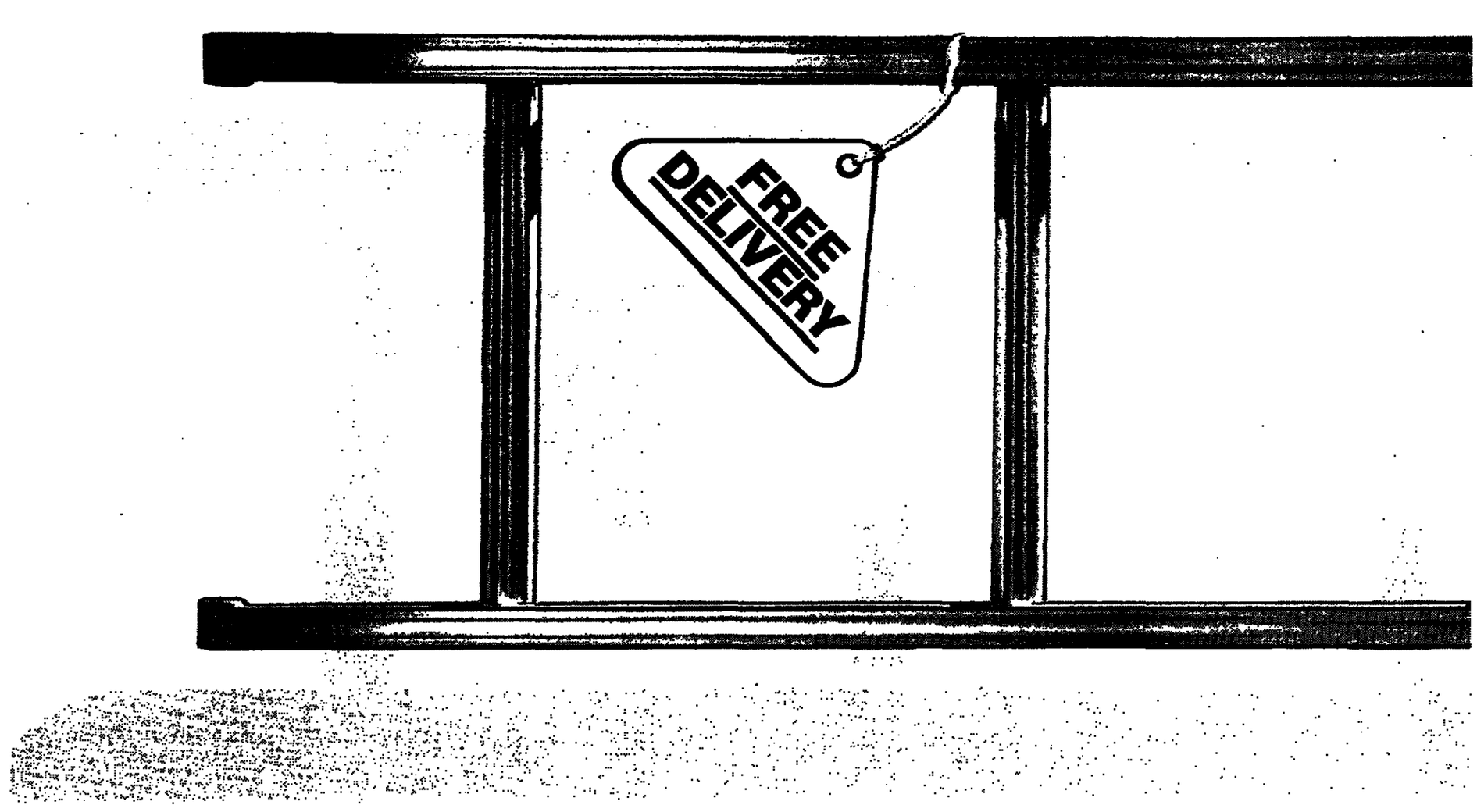
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BARBARA AMIEL

Toronto

Last Friday I turned up to deliver a speech on the evils of affirmative action policies at a luncheon for 1,200 personnel officers in Toronto, only to find a head table composed of the very government bureaucrats designing the policies. Under Canada's Employment Equity programme, all businesses with more than 100 employees now have to fill out forms that make the Nuremberg laws look feeble and will, I am sure, be eyed enviously by our own Equal Opportunities Commission. Canadian employees must be identified under racial and ethnic categories. These include "Aboriginal people", further broken down into "status and non-status Indian, Metis and Inuit". "Visible Minority" employees must be identified precisely as "black, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Indo-Pakistani, West Asian/Arab, South East Asian or If Other – specify."

As if this were not bad enough, the employer also has to document how many disabled workers he employs and specify the disability. This is not only profoundly silly, but the forms employ the worst sort of jargon. Handicaps are listed as "deaf, hearing, blind, visually impaired, communication, intellectual, psychiatric, learning, wheelchair-bound, co-ordination/dexterity disabled, non-visible disability/ other mobility." I asked what a "non-visible disability" was and a government chap explained it was lack of cognitive perception with language and the written word. "Illiterate or dyslexic you mean?" I asked, and he nodded uneasily. Euphemisms are always a sign of discomfort with truth.

Businesses are now expected to reflect a statistical parity with the ethnic make-up of the local labour force. Since I personally believe that most employers act in their own economic interest, and take the best available person for a job, irrespective of handicap or ethnicity, I am deeply opposed to these programmes that create tension between groups which have special advantages under these quotas and those disadvanged by them. I keep repeating that parity has nothing to do with equality of opportunity and is a profoundly illiberal notion. The head table guests smiled warmly at this heresy and after my speech invited me out to dinner. I suppose this reflects the fact that the social engineers are firmly in control of Canadian society and can afford to humour eccentrics like myself.

The Canadian National Cat Show was held last weekend and I decided to give the other side a chance. I happen to be devoted to dogs and trotted about Crufts this year in search of the perfect Hungarian puli. Dogs can be trained. Cats do as they wish. These cats were only released from their cages during the show into the careful arms of the judges.

Essentially, I think cats are psychopaths who have no sense of right and wrong, only a sense of desire and avoidance. They have no conscience. Cats love sardines and hate being kicked just as dogs adore liverwurst and loathe being bashed on the head. But while a judicious mixture of the two will make a dog perform marvels cats, being psychopaths, don't associate their own actions with the rewards or punishments that follow. They do whatever happens to please them at the moment, and view both sardines and kicks as unrelated chance occurrences apportioned out by a deity as capricious as they are.

It may well be that dogs only understand the difference between right and wrong through a sort of Pavlovian conditioning, but surely, as with humans, that conditioning is a little starter motor that cranks the big engine of conscience to life? Dogs crouch guiltily under a table when they have done something wrong. Cats may have eaten the entire goldfish population in the children's room, but if the goldfish tasted good, how could it be wrong to eat them? They can do no wrong and have nothing to feel guilty about, which is the definition of a psychopath; and it crossed my mind as I looked at a particularly attractive calico Persian, or ginger and white, that it is also a definition which includes a fair number of men and women these days and may be the guiding spirit of our age.

BARRY FANTONI



'A special agent? Well, Sir Patrick Mayhew may have something to say about that'

This trip gave me a glimpse of what I feel certain will be Esther Rantzen's next crusade. The women's pages of Canada's newspapers have discovered "elder abuse" described as "the painful secret" which is practised by vituperative children on elderly parents. "With my own ears," reports the director of a senior citizens department in Toronto, "I heard the daughter screaming at her mother in a disciplinary tone, as though she was a disobedient child. I was watching it with horror." Clearly secret helplines are needed. On the whole, in spite of undeniable neglect in some of our nursing homes, I think this society is rather more concerned than previous ones about the condition of our elderly. Still, I sense a new group of victims coming to the fore, although I think we are beginning to scrape the bottom of the barrel.

I return to London tomorrow nicely acclimatized to bitter cold weather but also, alas, accustomed to central heating in buses and shops. Canada has managed to adapt to the cold of winter by putting its cities under a centrally heated bubble. Expensive but nice.

David Hart sees danger in accepting Soviet terms for withdrawal

Selling out Afghanistan

Mr Gorbachov's offer to withdraw his troops from Afghanistan, beginning on May 15, has been widely welcomed and, on the face of it, seems to represent a significant gain for the West. Ever since the Soviet invasion in 1979 the West has been uncharacteristically united in its condemnation.

Unfortunately, things are not as simple as they appear. There is a danger that Western diplomats will assist Mr Gorbachov to achieve in the negotiations surrounding the withdrawal the victory his troops have found so elusive.

Tomorrow the UN-sponsored talks between Pakistan and the Najibullah government are to resume in Geneva. Mr Gorbachov's offer is conditional on agreement being reached by March 15. There is another condition. He wants all aid to the Mujahidin to stop the moment troop withdrawal begins.

The US response has been divided. Since he became president, Mr Reagan has been remarkably consistent on Afghanistan. His policy has been that aid will continue until all Soviet troops are out and an independent government established in Kabul. He restated it after the Washington summit in December.

His statement, however, was "clarified" by the State Department, which has a different policy. In 1985, without presidential authority, it committed America to cutting off aid when a Soviet troop withdrawal begins. This became public two weeks ago when *The New York Times* published testimony made in 1986 to Congress by Robert Peck, the man in charge of the State Department's Near Eastern desk.

State Department officials do not deny that the account of the Peck testimony is right but say that an official of the president's National Security Council authorized the policy change. Unfortunately, the man in question is not available to clarify matters because he is dead.

The divisions, however, go on. It is beginning to look as though the State Department does not support the second part of President Reagan's policy either. George Shultz, the Secretary of State, is putting intense pressure on Pakistan, through his deputy, Michael Armacost, not to insist on an independent government in Kabul before aid is cut off.

Such a policy cannot possibly be in Pakistan's interest. It is host to more than three million Afghan refugees, a very destabilizing influence. Pakistan knows that they will not go back to their homes until there is a government in Kabul that is acceptable to them.

The State Department may also be putting discrete pressure on the Mujahidin. Last week, the Afghan guerrilla alliance announced its plans for a new government in Kabul and implicitly recognized the peace process, having consistently denounced it.

From all this it is hard not to conclude that Mr Shultz wants a Soviet withdrawal on any terms. Although such a policy has superficial attractions it is extremely foolish. It would demonstrate, once again, that Soviet aggression pays. And it could so destabilize Pakistan that it might be forced into an accommodation with the Soviet Union. Drawing Pakistan into its sphere of influence is a much greater prize for the Soviet Union than the conquest of Afghanistan.

The sequence of events that could lead to this unhappy result is not difficult to imagine. Under pressure from both the United States and the Soviet Union, Pakistan and some of the Mujahidin agree to a vague formula in Geneva. Under pressure from Mr Shultz, Mr Reagan agrees that the United States join the Soviet Union as co-guarantor of this agreement. Mr Reagan also agrees to the Soviet demand that aid is cut off the moment Soviet troops begin to withdraw and accepts that the question of the government in Kabul should be "left to the Afghans".

The Soviet Union, in part using the KGB-controlled Afghan secret police, encourages the Mujahidin to begin to fight among themselves; not a very difficult task since the seven different factions are united only in their hatred of the Soviet Union. Serious conflict between the pro-Western and Iranian-backed Islamic groups inside Afghanistan and along the Pakistan border could produce a virtual continuation of the existing Communist government in Kabul.

Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet spokesman, said on Radio 4 on Sunday that the question of an Afghan government is for the Afghan people. It is open to question if his colleague, Viktor Chebrikov, head of the KGB, shares his view.

There is an additional issue that needs to be resolved if the West is to co-operate in a Soviet troop withdrawal. The Afghan children that the Soviet Union is effectively holding as hostages should be returned to their families. According to a congressional task force, at least 10,000 Afghan children are currently in the Soviet Union.

Despite its superficial attractions, a Soviet troop withdrawal is not at all in the interest of the West unless it is unconditional or accompanied by a settlement that offers a realistic hope that the Afghans will be able to settle their own affairs without outside interference. That, after all, is the principal justification for Western aid to the Mujahidin.

Nor is a defective settlement in the interest of Western political leaders. If such a settlement leads to a permanent communist government in Kabul, Western public opinion might well wonder why their leaders have sold out the very people they have been supporting so loudly for the past nine years.

T.E. Utley

The torments of a bad treaty

When Mr Douglas Hurd and Mr Tom King negotiated the Anglo-Irish agreement, they had, I am convinced, a reasonably coherent idea of what they were trying to do. Indeed, the conception underlying the agreement had about it a beautiful simplicity.

The argument ran thus: Britain and the Irish republic are engaged in a common campaign against a ruthless enemy, the IRA, which, in the long run, threatens them both equally. For years this fact had in practice been recognized by the high degree of discreet co-operation which, under all kinds of British and Irish governments, had gone on between the security forces on both sides of the border. It would be good, of course, if that co-operation could be increased; but that would not necessarily involve an elaborate and dramatic treaty between the two states.

The function of that treaty, in fact, was political rather than immediately military; for what had chiefly hindered Britain's war against the IRA in Ulster was the fixed policy of all Irish governments to maintain, at any cost, their public role as protectors of the Roman Catholics in the north against alleged British oppression.

The discharge of this role had made it necessary for governments in the republic to exploit every embarrassing security incident in the north, often regardless of the merits of the case, in order to satisfy nationalists on both sides of the border that a caring godfather was always at hand to protect them against British arrogance and bullying. These outbursts had for long done much damage to security, by discouraging the Catholics in the north from wholehearted co-operation with the security forces, and by blackening Britain's reputation in the eyes of Irish sympathizers in America and also on the European continent.

Given a formal recognition, such as the agreement supplied, of the republic's right to be consulted on Ulster's affairs, the south might be persuaded to confine its championship of separated brethren to the conference table plus an occasional muted protest just to reassure the brethren that they were not abandoned; such protests, if sufficiently muted, might even help the British by offering evidence to the Unionist population that they had not been handed over to Dublin.

To the British political mind, the plan seemed perfect. After all, the southern Irish, when they do not feel obliged to stage public exhibitions of Irish patriotism, are a pretty realistic lot, particularly in the matter of fighting wars against terrorists. Dr Garret FitzGerald might sometimes be a little squeamish about matters affecting the rule of law, though not conspicuously so when those matters directly affected the safety of the republic.

The southern Irish state, throughout most of its political existence, has been plagued by terrorism and the threat of terrorism. It has frequently used devices like internment without batting an eyelid. Its prisons are notoriously far less comfortable than British prisons. It suppresses riots in front of the television cameras with a healthy vigour which induces wide-eyed admiration in the poor, harassed Royal Ulster Constabulary.



Mr Charles Haughey, in particular, is no virgin in these matters. He has heard of such things as telephone tapping in his time, of executive interferences in the course of justice defended on grounds of state necessity, and probably of much else which we do not know about. A quiet tip to him about precisely why the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney-General think it imprudent to prosecute policemen lest valuable security secrets are leaked in the process would hardly put him off his dinner.

But alas, these bright British hopes have in the last few weeks been totally shattered. Irish moral superiority towards the British is back in business on a scale which has seldom been paralleled in the last 20 years. It is not confined to belabouring the British government. The British courts are belaboured for their failure to find in favour of republican convicts. The Ulster DPP and the Attorney-General are denounced for a legitimate exercise of their discretionary authority. The RUC and the British judicial system are insulted by the republic's taking upon itself to investigate south of the border a criminal case already *sub judice* in the north. In a characteristically mawkish piece of Irish melodrama, a corpse has to be exhumed in the south in order to show that the British authorities in the north cannot be trusted to do justice. The best-advertised recent concession by the republic – the amendment of its extradition law – now seems to be seriously in danger of being whittled down.

Now, why has all of this happened? It has happened because of a feature of Irish politics too firmly fixed to be obliterated by any agreement – the presumed need of all Irish politicians to strike from time to time a classically anti-British stance in matters affecting Ulster. It is not that they want the place themselves (they would not have it on a gold plate with parsley). It is just that Irish politics (which, incidentally, never present any suprises) are programmed to elicit automatic reactions to certain stimuli.

In the pre-agreement days, the troubles of the past few weeks would have happened but would have been fairly rapidly forgotten. As it is, the existence of the Anglo Irish Conference ensures that they will continue and that troubles like them will recur; for Mr Haughey, to keep the agreement in being, has to convince his people that he has some real influence on the government of Northern Ireland. He must produce visible results.

These shouting matches are bound to stultify the agreement's chief purpose – that of presenting to the world a common Anglo-Irish front against republican terrorism and thereby legitimizing in the eyes of the world the British security campaign in Ulster. So what next? Some mistakes in politics can never be wholly retrieved, and this agreement is one of them. If it survives it will do intolerable damage; it cannot be diminished by re-negotiation without inflicting an intolerable humiliation on the Irish government. If it is repudiated by the Irish, things for a while will be worse than they were when it was signed.

Perhaps the least damaging possibility is that it should be repudiated by the British in a fit of genuine and articulate anger, contrasting sharply with the bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, irrepressible optimism of Mr King. It is just conceivable (though barely so) that a serious threat to do this might concentrate Mr Haughey's mind, remove the inbuilt anti-British bias of Irish politics and show the world what we are up against in our effort to govern Ulster.

The British, it is constantly said, do not understand Ireland. That is true enough, though not precisely in the sentimental sense that is usually meant. It is time that an energetic attempt was made to induce the Irish to understand Britain.

Commentary • TONY BLAIR

Insult to the poor

Ann lives alone with her 18-month-old baby and is poor. Last year, she received a grant from the DHSS called "a single payment" to buy a second-hand cooker so that she and her young child could eat hot food. From April, that will stop. Ann and millions like her will be forced to apply to the new Social Fund, a cash-limited kitty of loans and grants subject to strict rules. It will affect adversely the very poorest in our community.

It has been condemned by every reputable charity and professional body that works with the poor. The Government's own Social Security Advisory Committee has felt obliged publicly to state that it "cannot support it". Yet it will be introduced less than a month after a Budget that will cut tax, almost certainly the standard rate and maybe even at the higher rates.

In fact, the budget for single payments has itself been cut by £130 million this year, to just over £200 million. But the Social Fund will give only £60 million by way of grants; the other £140 million will be available as loans.

There is a manual for the use of Social Fund officers which, with the directions issued by the Secretary of State, should be recommended reading for anyone who is complacent about the direction of our society in the third term of Thatcherism. Each local office is warned of the "overriding principle of staying within the budget . . . there is no provision for making payments which exceed that budget".

When the limit is reached the payments will simply cease, no matter what the need. Officers are told that "prioritization" is the key to good budgeting, i.e., choosing between claimants. They are helped in this, since anyone applying for and refused a grant or loan, cannot reapply for six months. Indeed, loans must not be made at all unless the applicant is "likely to repay" and they should be repaid "in the shortest possible time".

The benefits, even of old age pensioners, will be commuted to meet the terms of the loan set by the officer. Even before giving a grant or loan, however, the officer should probe claimants about "any relatives outside the home who could help" or consider directing them to charities. Last week, the Spastics Society confirmed that its local workers were being subjected to detailed questioning by the DHSS about how much money they had available for the disabled.

Finally, the right of appeal will be abolished, to be replaced by a "review" by the officer making the original decision. In case he should forget "the overriding principle", he is instructed that "there is no separate budget for reviews".

That the fund is dominated by the notion "loans" illuminates the unreality of these proposals. Examples given indicate repayment terms of around £7 or £8 a week. Yet for families existing on benefits, this is the difference between survival and sinking.

Any constituency surgery will testify to the circumstances of these claimants: the pregnant girl thrown out of her parents' house, sleeping on the floor because she has no bed; the mother with the asthmatic child begging for a strip of carpet to keep the room warm in winter; the pensioner in need of an electric fire – all with the same bleak despair of people who have long since traded hope for subsistence. Now they will await their fate under the new creed of "prioritization". Small wonder that partitions separating claimants from employees in DHSS offices are to be specially strengthened.

The "other" Britain knows little of such things. Its wealth is growing, fuelled at the top end by tax concessions whose generosity is itself in marked contrast to the meanness of the Social Fund. But when prosperity rises for some, as genuine penury comes to others, it should make any sensible person pause.

We know that, for the first time in years, infant mortality is increasing. The Family Welfare Association, in its submission to the Government opposing the fund, spoke of the "rising tide of deficiency diseases among children" caused in families unable to spend enough on basic foods.

It remains to be seen whether, with poverty and plenty growing side by side, "the vessel of state is driven between the Scylla and Charybdis of anarchy and despotism" as Shelley predicted 150 years ago. It may take the poll tax to turn despair into revolt. Or it may never happen. What is certain is that we are now in the process of creating an underclass of humanity in modern Britain that is becoming dangerously adrift from the rest of society.

These people are insufficient in numbers or articulation to pose an electoral threat to the Government. On the contrary, as the social chasm widens, it is the opposition parties who have to avoid the appearance of neglecting the prosperous, when standing up for the poor.

In the end, there is only one way to assert their dignity and that is to say that our own decency depends on it: to insist on social as well as individual responsibility; to recognize the notion of society as well as self. We could start with this month's Budget.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Clouded issue

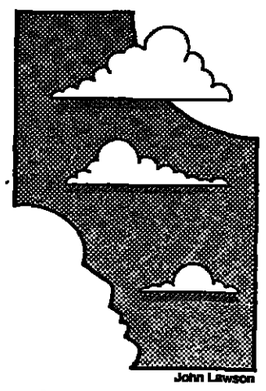
Despite fears for the integrity of the natural ozone layer that protects the surface of the Earth from harmful amounts of ultraviolet radiation, a group of American researchers finds that ultraviolet radiation reaching the Earth did not significantly increase between 1974 and 1985.

Writing in the US journal *Science* last month, the group reports on ground measurements of ultraviolet radiation from the Sun at eight stations in the United States, some (as at Oakland, California) at sea-level and others (as at Alberquerque, New Mexico) at a considerable altitude.

The authors of the research, from the US National Cancer Institute, Temple University, Philadelphia, and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, are cautious in the interpretation of their data, pointing out that the sensitivity of their instruments does not exactly mirror the susceptibility of human skin to ultraviolet radiation.

But they conclude that the effects, at the surface of the Earth, of the expected reduction of the natural ozone layer in the stratosphere may be offset by some of the climatic consequences of the reduction, such as the appearance of clouds in the lower atmosphere.

The interest of this report is that it appears to conflict with indisputable evidence from Antarctica of a dramatic reduction of the amounts of ozone in the stratosphere during the Antarctic spring (September and October). During the past three Antarctic seasons, ground observations have shown a marked reduction of stratospheric ozone.



John Lawson

In the Antarctic spring of 1987 it was also shown that the ozone decline was associated with abnormally high concentrations of molecular fragments of the chemicals regarded as the chief threats to the integrity of the ozone layer, which are known as chlorofluorohydrocarbons (CFCs).

Anxiety about the effects of these materials on the natural ozone layer has been growing since the early 1970s, and led last year to the signature in Montreal of the Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Because of their chemical stability in ordinary circumstances, the materials are used as refrigerants, as the means of impulsion for some (but not all) aerosol cans and in synthetic packaging.

But when released to the atmosphere they can be decomposed by ultraviolet radiation into fragments that catalyse the decomposition of ozone, itself the product of chemical reactions triggered by ultraviolet radiation. Because ozone is also an absorber of ultraviolet radiation, a known cause of skin cancer, increased incidence of skin cancer, especially at high altitudes, can be expected.

The failure now reported to detect increased ultraviolet radiation reaching the surface of the Earth may mean several things. Ground-based ozone measurements, based on direct observation of absorption of ultraviolet radiation from the Sun, are notoriously difficult. (It also seems to be more difficult than had been hoped to interpret measurements made from Earth satellites.)

Even so, the measured ultraviolet radiation at all eight stations covered in the new report suggest decreasing, not increasing, transmission between 1974 and 1985, although the authors of the report acknowledge that some of these trends are not statistically significant.

The US team's explanation, that reduced stratospheric ozone may cause protective climatic effects, such as increased cloudiness, that offset the transmission of ultraviolet radiation through the lower atmosphere, is for the time being unsubstantiated. Another possibility is that the effects of CFCs on stratospheric ozone may be primarily concentrated in the polar regions, and the Antarctic in particular.

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ENTER THE INVESTIGATOR

Mr Brian Nicholson, the former soft left chairman of the Transport and General Workers Union, and the three other TGWU executive members ousted with him in the recent elections for the union's general executive, have a good *prima facie* case for appealing to the Government's Certification Officer on grounds of alleged electoral malpractice and vote-rigging. The evidence is both circumstantial and direct.

The direct allegation, first reported in *The Times* on Saturday, comes from a former member of the hard left who claims that membership cards were issued to new members already pre-stamped for the ballot. There is also the evidence that in the London region two hard left candidates were involved in the election's administration. These allegations, combined with the circumstantial evidence reported in *The Times* today concerning the turnout and voting figures for Ireland (the TGWU's Region 11) and for those trade groups where the former soft left member was defeated, make a case that, while not set in concrete, certainly needs to be answered.

This new evidence hinges on the abnormally high turnout in Ireland where the hard left is in control. Whereas only 39 per cent of the union's 1.4 million membership voted overall, the turnout in Region 11 was well over 70 per cent. That difference (with the other alleged factors) could have been decisive.

Thus in the textiles section, the hard left secured 13,131 votes against the soft left's 9,436 with Region 11 (Northern Ireland) returning 4,876 votes, a 72 per cent turnout. In the agricultural and allied trade group, the hard left had 4,817 votes against the soft left's 3,703, with Region 11 providing a 79 per cent turnout of 1,793 votes.

Most remarkably, in power and engineering the hard left only narrowly defeated the soft by 16,864 to 16,508, with Region 11 returning a 70 per cent turnout of 5,247 votes. As a result, the hard left now has a majority of 22 to 17 on the national executive which ultimately determines union policy.

The finance and general purposes committee, however, still has a soft left majority because its members are provided by the regions and not the trade groups. If it chooses it could appeal to the Certification Officer. Alternatively, aggrieved individual members have the right to do so. If the Certification Officer then gave directions for a new election and this was ignored, recourse could be had to the courts. Alternatively, appeal could also be made to the courts directly.

To the outside world, the arcane procedures of union politics may well seem boring and peripheral but the political implications are real. The prospect of having his re-shaping of Labour policies undermined by the union with the largest block vote must be disturbing for Mr Kinnock.

When the union next votes for its executive in two years' time, Mrs Thatcher may have improved the Opposition leader's chances. The election then will no longer be by workplace ballot but by secret postal ballot. Quite a lot of damage, however, can be done to Labour's image in two party conferences.

Even when secret postal ballots come in, the cardinal handicap of Labour politics is that its policy determination will hinge on the current complexion of the trade unions. Postal balloting will assist moderation but it does not guarantee its victory.

Continuing low turnouts — whether through apathy or other causes — could continue to give a weighting to extremism; so may propaganda. The votes cast by unionists may not always reflect all their membership and still less the potential moderate Labour/Social Democratic vote of the nation as a whole. Only when Labour is firmly established on a one-member-one-vote basis and freed from its present heavy dependence on the unions for money will it be truly able to represent the moderate left-of-centre politics. Only then will it be able to brush aside allegations of trade union corruption.

CALM AFTER THE STORM

There was once a time when a record trade deficit a fortnight before the Budget would have produced gloom in the City and sent the Chancellor scurrying back to the drawing board. Times, however, have changed, and yesterday's news of a £905 million shortfall on current account in January was received in the markets with a lack of concern worthy of Lord Cardigan before the charge of the Light Brigade. Either the markets are being very brave or they are being very astute.

The "astute" version is that changes in the method of recording trade have seriously distorted the figures. On January 1 the Government introduced an EEC-designed single administrative document to record Britain's exports and this has coincided with a drop of 7.5 per cent in the volume of exports recorded. Although there is no direct evidence that exporters have found difficulty with the new procedures there may have been some under-recording because of the changeover. Even quite a small slippage on monthly deliveries overseas of £6-7 billion would affect the deficit significantly.

There is no way of proving this theory one way or the other apart from waiting for figures for subsequent months. Meanwhile the best guide to the trend is the pattern over the latest three months. The large deficits in November and December have now been revised downwards, but the average monthly deficit for that period has still risen from about £390 million in the previous three months to about £590 million. If that level were reproduced for 1988 as a whole the annual deficit would be over £7 billion — large enough to cause concern.

How should the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, react as he completes his plans for the Budget? He has already said that he draws a distinction between a current account deficit caused by "overheating" in the economy, which would lead to higher inflation, and one caused by temporarily slow growth in the rest of the world, which would not. Britain's economy continues to grow at a faster pace than those of most other industrialized countries apart from Japan, but that does not exclude the more ominous alternative explanation.

Much turns on the nature of the deficit and how temporary it is likely to be. Some of the strongest economies in the world have run current account deficits at times in the past because they had more investment opportunities than they had savings to finance them. Britain and other European countries were happy to finance the construction of the American railroads during the last century although the counterpart of the capital inflow was a current deficit. Britain itself is now experiencing a modest investment boom. The biggest increases in imports last month were in capital and intermediate goods suggesting not a binge by consumers but husbandry of the seed-corn of future expansion.

This increase in investment is encouraging and should improve the ability of the economy to supply the goods and services which rising demand requires. Nevertheless the scale of the deficit cannot be ignored. There is a point beyond which space must be made for investment by cutting back on demand in other parts of the economy. It was fashionable in the 1970s to argue that a cut in the Budget deficit would be reflected almost exactly in a lower external deficit, and although the arithmetic proved shaky the principles still apply.

The message of the trade figures for Mr Lawson is that micro-economic daring will best be combined with macro-economic prudence when he comes to deliver his Budget a fortnight today. Fortunately the strength of the public sector accounts means that this combination is by no means beyond him.

MR SHULTZ AND THE KING

Mr George Shultz, is due to meet King Husain in London today. Their talks are not only central to the American Middle East peace plan. They may affect the future of Jordan and its ruling Hashemite dynasty. Once more King Husain has a chance to lead the Arab world towards a settlement with Israel over Palestine. Whether he will grasp it depends upon the statesmanship and flexibility he can display.

The American peace plan calls for an interim period of Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and the West Bank before talks to decide the territories' long-term future. They represent a compromise which needs good will and mutual confidence to succeed. Two difficulties stand out above the others.

One is the question of who should speak for the Palestinians. Neither the United States nor Israel recognizes the claim of the Palestine Liberation Organization to act as the sole legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people. Given the PLO's record of violence, who can blame them? But, sadly, it is the PLO and its equivocating leader Yassir Arafat to whom most young men on the West Bank swear allegiance. All more moderate Palestinian leaders have been bullied into keeping quiet — and some have been killed to keep them so.

The other difficulty is the division in Israel's Cabinet. While the Foreign Minister Mr Shimon Peres favours an international peace conference, followed by talks which would involve swapping Israel's occupied land in exchange for peace, the Prime Minister Mr Yitzhak Shamir does not. So Mr Shultz has had to hold different private talks with both men.

This is where King Husain comes in. So far he has shrunk from representing Palestinian demands at direct peace talks with Israel, demanding instead that these take place only under the "umbrella" of an international peace conference, at which the PLO would be represented. He is not in the position of the late President Sadat of Egypt who stepped out alone at Camp David.

The American proposals require neither the PLO nor an international conference. They envisage only a more limited form of international meeting — which would hold a smaller umbrella above King Husain. Is this enough to boost his self-confidence in negotiating a historic settlement with Israel? Alternatively, can Mr Shamir be persuaded to accept the idea of a full-scale conference?

If King Husain can be persuaded to support the American plan, he might represent the alternative leader whom moderate Palestinian Arabs are seeking. While local West Bank politicians might feel themselves too exposed to lead their people in defiance of the PLO, King Husain — if provided with enough international backing — might feel strong enough to do so.

One imponderable in all this is the position of Mr Shamir, who held one meeting with Mr Shultz in such confidence that not even note-takers were present. At the moment it looks as if almost any plan put forward for the future of the occupied territories is likely to prove unacceptable to Israel's Prime Minister. But with an Israeli election late this year, and the West Bank and Gaza in turmoil, Mr Shamir might be persuaded to accept the more restricted conference if the King did.

Virtually every path to peace leads to, or passes close by, King Husain. It is on his word that progress heavily depends. But for his own security and the prosperity of Jordan time is running out too — if he is not to lose ground entirely to the PLO.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inventors facing patents pitfall

From Mr Nicholas J. Flower

Sir, It seems that patent agents must protect inventors not only against those who infringe their rights but also against aberrant ministers who seek to persuade Parliament into follies disadvantageous to the inventing community.

On Tuesday the House of Lords will be asked to agree clause 250 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill which, as it stands, has the avowed object of allowing anyone to be able to act for inventors in dealings with the Patent Office. That "anyone" would include every incompetent and charlatan in the land and, indeed, everyone beyond our shores as well.

The secretary of state has told Parliament that "the exclusive right", or monopoly right, of registered patent agents so to act "is to be abolished" (Lords Hansard, November 12, 1987, col. 1480). Sir, patent agents have never had any such exclusive or monopoly right, nor do they seek any such right now.

For every patent agent entitled to act in these matters there are 30 to 40 solicitors entitled to do so. They are sensible enough and responsible enough to know when to tell a client he would be better off seeing a specialist patent agent. Solicitors usually do just that, for they recognise how bewilderingly complex and fraught with perils is this work, where errors are, in the main, quite incurable later.

It is no answer for the minister to say the incompetents and the charlatans must call themselves something other than "patent agent". There are plenty of sexier titles to be thought up with which to beguile first-time inventors who know no better.

The worst of the tragedy is that it would only be indigenous British inventors who are exposed to the pitfalls and possible destruction of their intellectual property rights. Inventors abroad will continue to go to their own nationally qualified patent agents.

Yours etc,
N. J. FLOWER,
Short Shrift, Petts Wood,
Orpington, Kent.
February 28.

Cost of a copy

From the Director of the Imperial War Museum

Sir, The criticism made of our level of photocopying charges (Miss Ruth Harris, February 25) ignores the fact that the photocopying service offered by a national museum fulfils a very different type of function from that offered by a high street agency.

An agency makes copies of material supplied by its customers, and incurs only the cost of running the machine; whereas the museum has the considerably higher and more complex costs of ensuring the long-term preservation of its stock of archival material for the benefit of researchers and providing experienced staff who can give pertinent advice, select and photocopy items from the collections.

The delicate task of producing a clear photocopy from a letter written in faint pencil in the trenches during the First World War can be readily appreciated. Last year the cost to the Imperial War Museum of maintaining these reader services was in the order of £750,000.

Access to the collections is free, and the trustees consider it only reasonable that the museum's photocopying charges should make some contribution towards the expenses of maintaining the archives from which photocopies derive.

Miss Harris and other users of the Imperial War Musuem's archives will, we hope, be pleased to learn that we intend to provide a Saturday service for researchers from the opening of the redeveloped museum in June, 1989.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BORG, Director,
Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1.
February 25.

Perfect timing

From Mr M. R. Sands

Sir, If Mr Edwards's mother's clock (letter, February 18) was not working, how did she time the 45 minutes of boiling required?

Yours sincerely,
MARK SANDS,
196 Haslemere Road, Southsea,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.
February 18.

From the Rector of Odd Rode

Sir, I, too, bought a clock at a jumble sale: a handsome piece with an oak case and a brass chiming movement. It cost half-a-crown. Nor did it go.

Suspecting over-zealous lubrication, I soaked the movement in petrol for 25 minutes. It still refused to go so, with the rashness of desperation, I set light to it!

After a five-minute firework display on the concrete floor of my (empty) garage, I reattached the pendulum and set it swinging. Fifteen or so years later it is swinging still!

Yours through fire or water,
NIGEL ELBOURNE,
Odd Rode Rectory,
Church Lane,
Scholar Green,
(via Stoke-on-Trent),
Cheshire.
February 18.

Pilots' views on safety in the air

From the Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators

Sir, In view of recent media pressure over reported air misses (details, February 8, 9, 23) the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators is disappointed that the Secretary of State for Transport has referred the reported air miss between a TriStar and a Bulgarian TU 154 over Kent (details, February 8) to the Air Accident Investigation Branch.

The Joint Airmiss Working Group has for many years shown itself completely effective in providing sound judgements on the danger resulting from aircraft flying in close proximity and has been used as a model for investigation by other countries. It has found the vast majority of reported air misses to be the result of a sudden realisation of there being another aircraft close by rather than a danger of collision. There are well-understood physiological and psychological reasons for this to be the case and pilots will continue to report their fears of collision in the future.

Air traffic control has long been in need of a thorough reappraisal. We have represented the concern felt by all pilots over continual constraints being used to overcome problems resulting from industrial relations and environmentalist pressure groups. The answers are not simple or easy, but they do involve

1. Redesignation of all airspace.
2. Redesign of information presentation to controllers.
3. Building of a new major airport in the South-west.
4. More effective use of airfields throughout 24 hours.
5. Information flow improvement between adjoining national air-traffic centres, preferably by compatible computers.

The present tinkering with flow control is going to produce more problems than it is going to solve.

Yours faithfully,
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February 27.

Drugs hazards

From Dr Vernon Coleman

Sir, I have provided medical advice to many of the legal firms representing former tranquilliser addicts who are suing doctors and drug companies and I fear that from the plaintiff's point of view your editorial (February 18) was unduly pessimistic.

In many cases it will not be difficult to prove negligence. There is far more published evidence showing the hazards associated with benzodiazepine tranquillisers than there was available to lawyers representing patients who had taken Opren.

Many cases are currently being brought by patients who were given repeat prescriptions for tranquillisers throughout the mid-1980s — and who were then told to stop their drugs overnight. Since the drug companies involved had published warnings to doctors not to do either of these things, it is difficult to see what sort of defence can be constructed.

While concentrating on the legal issues we should not lose sight of the fact that there are still many thousands of doctors in practice who are apparently unaware of the hazards associated with these drugs. Now would surely be an appropriate time for the authorities to place the benzodiazepine tranquilliser in the same legal category as heroin. There is, after all, ample evidence to show that these drugs can be more addictive than heroin. This simple change would mean that doctors would be forced to take more care when prescribing benzodiazepines and when halting patients' supplies.

Yours,
VERNON COLEMAN,
Preston House, Kentisbury,
Barnstaple, Devon.
February 18.

Abolition of ILEA

From the Secretary, Cathedrals Advisory Commission for England

Sir, The President of the Royal Academy, Mr Roger de Grey, raised in his letter of February 12 the important question of the availability of discretionary grants at the City & Guilds of London Art School (and, it may be added, similar institutions, such as the London College of Printing) for training conservators and craftsmen.

This commission, and our sister body, the Council for the Care of Churches, have welcomed the way in which the City & Guilds of London Art School has become one of the principal training centres for the skills needed to repair and conserve our historic churches and cathedrals.

Not all the grant aid in the world can be fruitful if the skills are not available to carry out the work. Compared with many other European countries, these skills are already perilously uncommon in this country. No less than 40 per cent of the students currently at the art school depend on discretionary grants.

Vocational training is the cry of our present Government, and there is much to be said for it indeed. Let the Government show that it really cares about this issue by making it abundantly plain that institutions like the City & Guilds of London Art School, and their potential students, will not suffer through the demise of the ILEA.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BURMAN, Secretary,
The Cathedrals Advisory Commission for England,
83 London Wall, EC2.
February 18.

Church in Scotland

From Professor Sir Thomas Smith, QC, FBA

Sir, Clifford Longley's article (February 1) regarding possible disestablishment of the Church of England has attracted comment in letters from Mr Bailey and the Chaplain to Wadham College (February 13, 15). Each refers to the legal status of the established Church of Scotland, which is, of course, Presbyterian and in which the Queen has no special status. The second letter in particular seems to imply that the Church of Scotland is altogether free to regulate matters spiritual without external legal constraint.

This view is shared by many lay and clerical members of the Church of Scotland, who tend to react like an untelevised House of Commons when it is pointed out that the fundamental law formulated in the Union Agreement, 1707, and the terms of the Church of Scotland Act 1921 seem to exclude the Church's right to repeal the Westminster Confession. Few relish the terms of the Confession, but the minority who do maintain them with fervour. Unconstitutional legislation by the Church purporting to repeal them could, as in the Free Kirk case (*Free Church of Scotland* v. *Lord Overtoun* [1904] *TF (HL) 1*), result in the minority becoming entitled to the Church's property and assets.

In the title "Constitutional Law", in volume 5 of *The Laws of Scotland*, published last year — a title of which Lord Fraser of Tullybelton was principal author and coordinator — Lord Murray and the present writer have analysed the relevant legal issues. In the section, "Church and State", Lord Murray has written:

Even supposing that the Church had effectual power to repeal the Westminster Confession in its entirety, would it be politic or legally advisable to attempt to use that power? The temporal effects of doing so might be to undermine the whole basis of the Church's establishment; more than this it might undermine the legal foundations of the Protestant monarchy and so the basis of monarchy itself and the whole Union compact of 1707.

Those who are not English nor members of the Church of England may feel considerable unease at the possible constitutional consequence of proposals to disestablish that Church in disregard of the Union Agreement — that establishment having been the sole fundamental provision affecting English interests.

Yours faithfully,
T. B. SMITH,
18 Royal Circus, Edinburgh.
February 16.

Riches to . . .

From Mr C. A. Nendick

Sir, I read with interest Mr Feltham's article this morning (February 25) concerning the magnificent billionaires and the multi-millionaires.

Having been a constant reader of *The Times* for over 65 years, I was thrilled to receive, within an hour of doing so, a communication from the DHSS informing me that my pension is to be increased from April 14 by some £1.50 per week.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. NENDICK,
15 Guessens Road,
Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire.
February 25.

Living together

From Rear-Admiral A. S. George

Sir, Further to your correspondence about living together (February 16, 23) some years ago I read a learned naval document in which the slang term "shacked-up" was used to denote the state of unmarried cohabitation. The males and females so engaged were called shackeroos and shackerelles respectively.

I would commend those names to your readers as they seem to be useful either as terms of endearment or to disparage.

Yours faithfully,
A. S. GEORGE,
Drop Anchor, Drift Lane,
Bosham, Chichester, Sussex.
February 24.

In modern dress

From Miss Barbara Wood

Sir, *Re* John Goodchild's letter (February 22) regarding fashions in children's clothes being a just reason for amending books, do I now look forward to seeing William clad in jeans and T-shirt, *sans* scruffy knees, sagging socks, and school cap? I sincerely hope not.

Yours etc,
BARBARA WOOD,
31 Cliffe Avenue,
Westbrook, Margate, Kent.
February 22.

Taking it literally

From Mr Richard Need

Sir, My growing suspicion that consumer protection is going over the top received a boost today when I saw, on a bottle of sleeping pills, the legend, "Warning! May cause drowsiness!".

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEED,
49 Bonner Hill Road,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
February 24.

No helping hand in Underground

From Mr F. Slater

Sir, Recently, I came across a man apparently unconscious lying on an Underground platform at Liverpool Street Station. He appeared to be in some danger of rolling on to the track. The nearest staff were the ticket collector and the ticket issuer, both at the top of an escalator. The former showed no interest; the latter listened without indicating whether he would report it. Later, I decided to make some enquiries, with the following results:

1. The office of the Area Manager, Liverpool Street Station, is only interested in incidents on British Rail facilities. A form is provided for comments or complaints. I was given the address and telephone number of London Regional Transport as the body concerned with the Underground.
2. LRT have two telephone numbers. The one I had been given only dealt with timetable matters. I had to ring another number to report an incident and then had a choice of the LRT itself or the Transport Police, who dealt with the Underground.
3. There is a separate section of the Transport Police who deal with the Liverpool Street overground and they are located, somewhat out of sight, above the Liverpool Street Station concourse.

I suggest that notices be placed at strategic points, both over and under ground, advising passengers how and where to report emergencies.

Yours faithfully,
F. SLATER,
12 Roundwood Grove,
Hutton Mount,
Brentwood, Essex.
February 20.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 1 1854

The Crimean War against Turkey broke out in October, 1853, but England and France did not declare war on Russia until March 28, 1854. Their fleets had entered the Dardanelles and Bosphorus and British troops landed at Gallipoli three days later

THE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

Yesterday morning the 1st battalion of the Scots Fusileer [*sic*] Guards left London, and embarked at Portsmouth for the East. . : In deference to the wish of Her Majesty, at half-past 7 o'clock the battalion marched to Buckingham Palace, and, having passed within the massive railing which surrounds its principal façade drew up and formed in front of the main entrance. The Queen, Prince Albert, and the Royal children, surrounded by the household, immediately presented themselves on the balcony. The troops, having saluted, raised three tremendous cheers, and then proceeded on their way. . . Resuming its march, the battalion proceeded through St James's Palace and by Pall-mall, Trafalgar-square, and the Strand across Waterloo-bridge, received along the entire route with even more energetic and spirit-stirring manifestations of popular enthusiasm than the departure of the Grenadiers and Coldstreams a few days ago called forth. . . Within the narrow space of the Strand thousands of civilians followed, and almost impeded the progress of the men by their anxiety to bid them a hearty farewell. Accustomed as Londoners are to the Guards, the spectacle which they present when thus taking their departure "for the wars" places them in an entirely new light. The stately march, the well-drilled, orderly bearing, the serried bayonets, and the prim formalities of the parade are laid aside. Mothers, sisters, and wives invade the ranks, and hang upon the steps of the men. The band alternates with the fifes and drums, — music which tells of parting to all who hear it; and, though the measured tramp is preserved thereby, a glance along the moving column shows that even the soldier can lay aside for a moment his regimental stiffness, as he leaves home to fight the battles of his country. . . Waterloo-bridge, with its toll-keepers strongly intrenched behind their turnstiles, stopped the rush of people on the north side of the river, but fresh crowds were waiting to receive the battalion on the Surrey side, and when it reached the entrance to the station the pressure of the multitude became so great that the men had to pass in through a narrow lane of police-men in single file. Here, amid deafening cheers, those soldiers who had friends with them, whether male or female, were compelled to leave them behind. . . About 9 o'clock two trains, starting in quick succession, conveyed the battalion to Portsmouth. That portion of the regimental band which remains behind played it out of the terminus amid the cheers of a large number of spectators. The house-tops and windows whence a view of the departing trains could be commanded were filled with occupants to the outskirts of town, and at the various stations along the road people had assembled in numbers to show their sympathy and bid farewell. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 29: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, held a reception at Kensington Palace this evening.

The Prince of Wales has become Patron of the Tradescant Trust, the Museum of Garden History.

Lady Rose Windsor will be eight today.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead will unveil a plaque in memory of Sir Hugh Cairns, his staff and the patients of the Military Hospital for Head Injuries at St Hugh's College, Oxford, on June 6, 1988, at noon. Ex-staff, ex-patients and relatives wishing to attend should contact Professor P. Daniel, Royal College of Surgeons, 35 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PN, *before April 9.*

Birthdays today

Mr Harry Belafonte, singer and actor, 61; Mr David Broome, show jumper, 48; Mr Douglas Bunn, chairman, All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, 60; Miss Florence Calvert, former principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 76; Sir Keith Falkner, vice-president, Royal College of Music, 88; Mr Andrew Faulds, MP, actor, 65; Sir Maurice Fiennes, engineering and industrial consultant, 81; Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, 70; Lord Justice Kerr, 67; Professor James Lister, paediatrician, 65; Commandant Dame Nancy Robertson, former director, WRNS, 79; Professor *Lord Swann, 68.*

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Shakespeare Globe Trust, will hold a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman of the Mountbatten Memorial Trust and Vice-Patron of the *Royal National College for the Blind*, will be present at a demonstration of Mountbatten Brailler at Kensington Palace at 5.00.

The Princess of Wales will attend a Theatre in Trust production of *Dracula, Another Bloody Musical* at the Westminster Theatre, at 7.55 in aid of Action Research for the *Crippled Child.*

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Inner London Probation Service, will attend a reception at Butchers' Hall at 6.00 to mark the launch of the Apex Trust (employment prospects for ex-offenders and youth at risk).

Luncheon

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Lady Howe, were hosts yesterday at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Mr Clement Trevelyan Maynard, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism and Leader of the House of the Bahamas, and Mrs Maynard.

Engineers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Engineers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Rear-Admiral P. G. Hammersley; Senior Warden, Mr G. A. Lee; Middle Warden, Mr Alderman F. McWilliams; Junior Warden, Sir Ronald Ellis.

Latest wills

Lord Rhodes, of Delph, Greater Manchester, former Labour MP for Ashton-under-Lyne, and businessman, left estate valued at £177,757 net.

Amy Anthony, of Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, left estate valued at £906,844 net. She left her estate mostly to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to provide a lifeboat to be known as The *Lilly and Vincent Anthony.*

Mr Ottiwell Henry Gordon Waterfield, of Saltwood, Kent, war correspondent and author, left estate valued at £78,289 net.

Deaconess Kristeen Olive Irvine MacNair, of Manaton, Devon, formerly head deaconess in the Exeter diocese, left estate valued at £304,972 net. She left £20,000 each to Manaton church and the Lee Abbey Fellowship, Lynton, and her home to the diocese for the use of women church workers or clergy.

Mr Louis John Mintz, of Bayswater, London, fashion exporter, left estate valued at £1,295,157 net.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster

The life barony conferred on Sir Robert Armstrong has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Armstrong of Ilminster, of Ashill in the County of Somerset.

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Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street.

Nikko Bank (UK) plc
The Lord Mayor, Sir Greville Spratt, and the Sheriffs were present at a reception held last night at Guildhall to mark the opening in London of Nikko Bank (UK) plc. Mr T. Iwasaki, President of the Nikko Securities Company, Tokyo presided, Mr John R. Cunningham, chairman, Mr Yokichi *Imaizumi, managing director*, and Mr Takashi Kato, deputy managing director, of Nikko Bank, received the guests. Among others present were:

The Ambassador of Japan and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Alderman C Colleti, Mr A B Wilson, the Chief Commoner, and other members of the Corporation of London, Mr J G Quinton, Mr T P Frost, representatives from City Livery Companies, and financial and industrial institutions in this country and abroad.

Dinners

The Earl of Stockton
Mr Lynda Chalker, MP, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Earl of Stockton for the United and Cecil Club at the House of Lords last night. Lord Colnbrook, chairman, presided and Mrs Sheila Faith, MEP, also spoke.

Old Centralians
The Hon Peter Brooke, Chairman of the Conservative Party, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the *Old Centralians* held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Professor Peter Grootenhuis, president, was in the chair. Among those present were:

Sir Matthew Farrer, the Master of the Engineers' Company, the Director-General of the City and Guilds of London Institute and the Dean of Imperial College of Science and Technology.

University College London
Mr J.S. Chadha, President of the University College London Union Debating Society, was host last night at the foundation dinner and debate held last night at the college. Mr John Biffen, MP, Mr Giles Radice, MP, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP, the Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, and Sir George Young, MP, also spoke. Lord Molloy, Sir James Lighthill, provost, and Lady Lighthill were among *the guests.*

Service dinner

Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force
The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire attended a guest night dinner given by Colonel J.M.K. Weir and Officers of the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force at Gamecock Barracks, Warwickshire, last night. Colonel P. Hilton, Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and President of the East Midlands TA and VRA, was the principal guest.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Samuel Romilly, lawyer, London, 1747; Frédéric Chopin, Zelazowa Wola, Poland, 1810; Augustus Pugin, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1812; Dytton Strachey, writer, London, 1880; Oscar Kokoscha, painter, Pochlarn, Austria, 1886; Robert Lowell, poet, Boston, Massachusetts, 1917; David Niven, Kirriemiur, 1910.

DEATHS: Thomas Campion, musician and poet, London, 1620; George Herbert, clergyman and poet, Salisbury, 1633; Girolamo Frescobaldi, organist and composer, Rome, 1643; George Grossmith, Savoyard and co-author of *The Diary of a Nobody*, London, 1912; Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet, soldier and politician, Gardone Riviera, Italy, 1938.

Paintings head for London



Dr Emil Bosshard, chief conservator of Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza's collection of Old Masters, helping to pack one of 23 paintings at the San Fernando Academy of Arts in Madrid yesterday at the end of 10-week exhibition.

The show is estimated to have had more than 60,000 visitors and an accompanying catalogue was reprinted three times.

The works are now on their way to London to join others from Baron Thyssen's gallery in Lake Lugano, Switzerland, for an exhibition, jointly presented with *The Times*, at the Royal Academy from March 18.

Viewing coupon, page 3.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.J.C. Boreham and Miss D.G. Eaton
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Sir John and Lady Boreham, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Eaton, of Muara, Brunei.

Mr R.H.R. Benyon and Miss E.H. Villiers
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr William Benyon, MP, and Mrs Benyon, of Englefield House, Reading, Berkshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Anthony Villiers, of *The Old Priory*, Woodchester, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Mr K.G.C. Clarke and Miss J. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Kevin, younger son of the late Mr C.P. Clarke and of Mrs C.F. Clarke, of Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Mr S.J. Cooper, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs A.E. Walmsley, of Evesham, Worcestershire.

Mr G.I.L. Henderson and Miss D.M. Pugh
The engagement is announced between Gavin Ian Laidlaw, son of Mr and Mrs I.S.M. Henderson, of Bahrain, Arabian Gulf, and Diana Margaret, second daughter of the late Mr J.D. Pugh and of Mrs K.M. Pugh, of Hythe, Kent.

Mr R.W. Henman and Mrs J.E.A. Marx
The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of the late J.O.C. Henman and of Mrs Janet Henman, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Jancis, elder daughter of Mr Basil Tagert, of Sparkwell, Devon, and Mrs Patricia Tagert, of Dartmouth, Devon.

Mr T.J. Kentish Barnes and Miss A.J. McCay
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Captain David Barnes, of Biggar, Lanarkshire, and Mrs Julie Kentish Barnes, of Finchampstead, Berkshire, and Amanda, only daughter of the late Colin McCay and Mrs David Hume, of Kington Langley, Wiltshire.

Mr G.S. Kinlan and Miss H.S. Payne
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Stuart, elder son of Mr H.J. Kinlan and the late Mrs Kinlan, of Blackrock, Co Dublin, and Hayley Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Payne, of Stratton Strawless, Norfolk.

Mr B.R. Lowen and Miss K.R. Blizard
The engagement is announced between Barry, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Lowen, of Solihull, and Karin, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Blizard, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr C.P. Malpass and Miss E.A. Saccente
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Malpass, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Thomas and Carmela Saccente, of Staten Island, New York.

Mr J.S. Russell and Miss F.S.M. Hutton
The engagement is announced between Jony, son of Mr and Mrs John Russell, of Norwich, and Fiona, daughter of Brigadier Geoffrey Hutton, of Bristol, and Mrs Susan Hutton, of Sunnybanks Cottage, St Breward, north Cornwall.

Appointments

The following have been appointed recorders and assigned to the Northern Circuit:

Mr A. N. H. Blake, Mr G. M. Clifton, Mr T. K. Earnshaw, Mr J. R. Foster, Mr J. R. B. Geake, Mr D. M. Harris, Mr M. Hedley, Mr T. B. Hegarty, Mr A. J. C. Hoggett, QC, Mr B. H. Leveson, QC, Mr D. Lynch, Mr J. B. MacMillan, Mr J. A. Morgan, Mr A. P. Morris, Mr F. D. Owen, Mr J. H. Roberts, Mr A. A. Rumbelow and **Miss J. H. Smith, QC.**

The Lord Chancellor has appointed the following to be members of the Council for Licensed Conveyancers for the year beginning March 1:

Mrs Rachel Waterhouse, chairman, **Mr L. Oddy, Mr J. Taylor, Mr E. J. Pryer, Mr G. T. Reffin, Mr P. G. Davis, Mr J. Atkinson, Mr T. G. Cole, Mr P. B. Price, Miss J. Arram** and **Mr T. M. Willey.**

Other appointments include:
Mr Edmund Dell to be Chairman of the Prison Reform Trust, in succession to Sir Monty Finniston, FRS.

Mr Stephen Potts, of the Purcell School of Music, to be Director of Music at the Yehudi Menuhin School from September.

Mr Kevin L. Jones, Deputy Head of the Yehudi Menuhin School, to be Deputy Head (Senior House) of St John's College School, Cambridge, from September.

Bridge victory for London

For the first time for four years London were the winners of the Tollemache Cup for counties' teams of eight, organized by the English Bridge Union at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, over the weekend.

Six counties qualified for the final in which Kent did well to finish as runners-up for the second year running.

Results
1. London 76; 2. Kent 68; 3. Leicestershire 63.

London team: B Rigal, P Czerniewski, F To, I M Gardiner, R J Fleet, J F Pottage, R A Cliffe, B J Callaghan, C Duckworth, D G W Price.

Spring Ball

The Spring Ball, in aid of Families for Defence, will be held at Le Palais, Hammersmith, on March 21, 1988, from 9 pm. Tickets, at £15, each are obtainable from Lady Olga Maitland, Families for Defence, *45 Bloomsbury Square, London* WC1A 2RA. Telephone: 01 831 0180. Live music: Sweat Band, Juliana's Discotheque and Lino and the Yow City Expedition.

Industrial pollution endangering the otter despite clean-up efforts

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Evidence of how industrial pollution has endangered the native British otter has been uncovered by scientists monitoring wildlife in East Anglia.

Their results will dismay conservationists experimenting with ways of repopulating rivers with breeding pairs of otters raised in captivity.

For the scientists suggest that the most troublesome pollutant, the family of synthetic compounds called polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), continues to contaminate the river system.

Dr Christopher Mason, a biologist from Essex University, said that PCBs seemed to disrupt the immune system of the otter.

His conclusions about the effect of PCBs come from post mortem analysis of tissues taken from what are believed to have been the last otters in north Norfolk.

The findings, reported in the *Veterinary Record*, describe an investigation into the cause of weight loss and other disorders suffered by the otters.

Dr Mason said the research, done in conjunction with veterinary laboratories of the Ministry of Agriculture, explained the relatively slow decline of the wild otter, *Lutra lutra*, in Norfolk in the 10 years since 1976 when he and Dr Sheila Macdonald identified six areas in which the animal flourished.

Archaeology

Underwater dig reveals Neolithic village

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

The remains of a village 8,000 years old have been found underwater off the coast of Israel. The site, which lies up to 40 feet below the surface and 400 yards offshore, was exposed by scouring of the sandy bottom during a storm in 1984.

It is known as Atlit-Yam, and is the earliest and largest submerged prehistoric site so far found in the Middle East. Only a small area, just over 300 by 100 yards, has been exposed and surveyed. The cultural material found allows it to be assigned to the "Pre-Pottery B" phase of the Neolithic, when farming was just beginning as a way of life in Palestine at places such as Jericho.

The settlement lay in a small valley between two sandstone ridges, the eastern of which now forms the coastline just south of the port of Haifa, and the sea was a few hundred yards away beyond the western ridge. Marsh, open pasture and oak forest formed the immediate environment, according to Mr Ehud Galili, of Haifa University, who is directing the underwater dig.

Twelve structures have been recorded so far, four of them houses and the others including pits and enclosures, and a wall of fired brick at least 65 feet long which may have been for protection against floods. The one house completely excavated is rectangular, some 30 by 17 feet in area and built of large undressed stones. Other walls suggest exterior rooms or courtyards.

In one of two alcoves at the north end was a hearth, in the other the skeleton of a 17-year-old girl; nearby a double burial, of a man and a young child.

Flint tools recovered include adzes, hoes, axes and sickle blades, together with food-processing equipment such as pestles and mortars.

The crops grown and used included emmer wheat and lentils, and most of the animal bones present were of cattle, which may have been domesticated. One concentration of bones in a courtyard bore butchering marks, but the relatively primitive form of the animals suggests that herding had not been practised for very long. Wild animals, including gazelle, deer and pig, were still an important part of the diet.

Five human burials show a range of afflictions, ranging from heavily worn teeth to arthritis and tuberculosis. One man suffered from auditory exostosis, an ailment common among present-day skin divers in the region: a small growth about the size of a match head was found in one ear.

While the sea may have been important to the inhabitants, it also eventually destroyed the village. As the post-glacial sea level rose with the melting of the great continental ice caps, the Mediterranean encroached on the site and submerged it.

Source: *Archaeology* Vol 41, 66-67.

OBITUARY

MR BASIL BOOTHROYD

Elegant and prolific humourist

Mr Basil Boothroyd, who died on February 27, at the age of 77, was a humorous writer with a keen eye for the absurdities of daily living. He wrote for six editors of *Punch*, from E. V. Knox to Alan Coren, and was a fertile broadcaster and scriptwriter. Last year saw the publication of his autobiography, *A Shoulder To Laugh On.*



John Basil Boothroyd was born on March 4, 1910, and went to Lincoln Cathedral Choir School. He remembered accompanying his father, a man of diverse trades, on clock-winding visits to great houses.

He worked in a variety of banks in Lincolnshire but was happier playing the saxophone in a band called "The Synco Peppers", and happier still as a spare-time repertory actor for the St Pancras People's Theatre.

His connection with *Punch* began in 1938 and was a source of profit to him during the war, when he wrote prolifically about service life. After a spell as Sergeant Instructor in the RAF Police he was commissioned, and in 1943 appointed personal assistant to the Provost Marshal, whom he accompanied to many theatres of war.

His service books included *Home Guard Goings-On, Adastral Bodies, Are Sergeants Human?* and *Are Officers Necessary?*

Back at *Punch* he became an assistant editor in 1952 and a member of the Punch Table in 1955. Under Malcolm Muggeridge he chafed at the notion of having to mount an attack on people whose only offence was to have been in the headlines that week, and much preferred chronicling the waywardness of common things or the vagaries of commuting.

In his autobiography he tells of the "strange music" made by "those self-confident people" in Muggeridge's room, "making their upper-class noises from somewhere in their sinuses, weaving up and down in tight nasal tones..."

In 1970 Boothroyd's life was thrown into pleasurable upheaval when Prince Philip suggested him as the man best qualified to write his biography. This was on the strength of a profile which Boothroyd had recently written in *Punch.*

As an unofficial courtier, he travelled widely with the Prince, enjoying what he called the "smoothed life" and facing up to such difficulties as being dropped off in Mexico and left to find his own way home.

The biography *Philip*, published in 1971, was lightly and elegantly written, the quality of the research being in no way concealed by the occasionally frivolous detail.

Boothroyd had a long connection with BBC Radio as a writer of comedy scripts, appearing in many with his first wife, Phyllis Youngman, whom he had met in St Pancras Repertory. His later work for television included an adaptation of *The Diary of A Nobody* in 1979 and an adaptation of *A. J. Wentworth, BA*, by H. F. Ellis, in 1982. He was at all times in demand as a lecturer and public speaker.

As a humourous writer Boothroyd was rated by P. G. Wodehouse (who also started in a bank) as "one of the very few you can rely on to be funny every time".

A punctilious craftsman, he was notoriously prepared to use reams of paper to get his effects right.

Boothroyd's first wife died in 1980 and he married June Elizabeth Leonhardt Mortimer. He is survived by her, and a son, Toby, who lives in America.

MR DENYS THOMPSON

Mr Denys Thompson, who died on February 28, at the age of 81, was an editor of *Scrutiny*, and a major influence on the teaching of English in secondary schools after the war.

Arthur Denys Halstead Thompson was born on February 15, 1907, in Darlington and spent most of his schooldays in Leatherhead. At St John's College, Cambridge, he first read Classics and then both parts of the English Tripos, studying with F. R. Leavis as his supervisor.

In the book of *Recollections and Impressions* of the Leavises which he edited many years later in 1984, he recounts that his frequent visits to stay with Frank and Queenie Leavis during the early 1930s were "among the happiest hours of my life".

As a result of this association, Thompson joined the editorial board, together with F. R. Leavis, of the newly-founded quarterly, *Scrutiny*; and they were also co-authors of the influential book for sixth-formers, *Culture and Environment*, one of the early indictments of the insidious and demeaning impact of the mass media.

By this time Thompson was teaching English at Gresham's School, Holt, where he remained until 1942, when he took up an appointment at the Air Ministry.

At the end of the war he was appointed Headmaster of Yeovil Grammar School in Somerset. In 1939 he had launched a small journal called *English in Schools*, which led a precarious wartime existence until it was taken over in 1949 by the Bureau of Current Affairs and published as *The Use of English.*

In his first editorial in this new quarterly, Thompson described his conception of English as being "more than a subject. Its particular value is that it can create and heighten that critical attitude to our civilization which 'current affairs' teaching should strive after."

In the years after the war this credo, translated into a practical syllabus for English teachers in the pages of *The Use of English*, became highly influential in secondary schools.

Thompson also wrote a number of books and edited anthologies on related themes, such as *Reading and Discrimination, Rhyme and Reason*, and *Between the Lines.*

One of the offshoots of the periodical was the creation of *Use of English* groups of like-minded teachers. Eventually this led Thompson and a handful of colleagues to establish, in 1963, the National Association for the Teaching of English.

Typically, he refused to become its first President. In spite of his wide influence, Denys Thompson, was always a shy person, though a very lively and genial one in private.

In 1962 he retired from teaching in order to concentrate on writing and editing. In 1966 he moved back to Cambridge so as to live close to old friends.

In 1969 he relinquished the editorship of *The Use of English.* But he continued to read copiously and to write until very late in life, publishing *The Use of Poetry* and *Change and Tradition in Rural England*, an anthology, with commentary, of some of the finest writing on English country life.

In 1935 Denys Thompson married his first wife Rosemary. She later died, and in 1966, he married his second wife, Betty. She, a son and a stepson survive him; his only daughter was killed, in 1984, in road accident.

MR JAMES HOLBURN

Mr James Holburn, a foreign correspondent of *The Times* for 20 years and editor of *The Glasgow Herald* from 1955 to 1965, has died at the age of 87.

As a journalist, he was happier with news than with opinion; though he was a son of the manse his interests were strictly practical.

He was born in Glasgow on December 1, 1900, and educated at Harris Academy, Dundee.

Just old enough for service at the end of the 1914-18 War, he joined *The Glasgow Herald*, as a subeditor in 1920. He also read for a degree at Glasgow University, taking a first in economics.

In 1934 he joined *The Times* and in 1935 went to Berlin as assistant correspondent. He was there for the next four years, and then served briefly in Moscow and Ankara, before going in 1941 as war correspondent to the Western Desert, where he was wounded.

He was successively in Delhi, 1942-46; at the United Nations, 1946-48; diplomatic correspondent, 1948-51, and chief Middle East correspondent in Cairo, 1952-55.

A sound news sense, a remarkable capacity for winning the confidences of leading figures in the countries where he worked, and clarity and directness of expression were his chief merits.

When Holburn succeeded Sir William Robieson as editor of *The Glasgow Herald*, he had been an active correspondent, mostly abroad, for more than half his career. Yet his most notable achievement at the *Herald* reflected his early training as a sub-editor.

He put the paper into modern dress, with news on the front page and more attention to make-up; he appointed its first features editor, and used the reporters' room as a training ground.

In his youth Holburn was a useful boxer at the lighter weights and played a good deal of rugby. One of the early changes he made as editor was the introduction of sports reporters' names into a part of the paper until then strictly anonymous.

His wife died in 1972. They had three sons.

MR DAVID THOMSON

David Thomson who has died at the age of 74, wrote fiction for adults and children, published a critical biography of Laurence Sterne, and spent a quarter of a century as a BBC producer of distinction.

But he will be best remembered for a species of evocative autobiography which produced two books widely acknowledged as minor masterpieces, *Woodbrook* (1974) and *Nairn in Darkness and Light*, which won the first McVities Award for the Scottish Book of the Year, in 1987.

In both books Thomson used the novelist's freedom of vantage and perception, to endow reminiscence with the power of the novel. This produced, in the case of *Woodbrook*, an almost painful account of the beleaguered lives of decaying Anglo-Irish families in the 1920s.

Nairn described Thomson's early years in Scotland, reinforcing childhood memory with rich injections of local history and folklore.

David Thomson was born in 1914, the year which began the process of ushering the old social order from the stage. But his boyhood summers were spent at the house of his great-uncle Robert, near Nairn – that "Rye of the North" where Victorian values still held sway, and where a child could feel secure in a community with a strong sense of its identity.

This idyll was shattered when, at the age of 11, Thomson suffered a haemorrhage of the eyes in a rugby match, and was sent away to recuperate with a grandmother, and to be ecucated quietly, by private tutors. This sudden transformation from the sunny outdoor life to the status of an invalid among the elderly is reflected in the full title of *Nairn.*

Thomson was later able to enter Lincoln College, Oxford, after which he went as a tutor to the children of a gracefully declining family in Co Roscommon. This ethos so captivated him that he was to return every year for eleven years, falling in love with the eldest daughter of the family, meeting the locals, and watching, with a perception he was to recapture so vividly in his book, the inexorable diminution of the family fortune.

In 1943, Thomson joined the BBC, where his output as a producer included several programmes on Irish subjects, as well as documentaries about nature, and rural lives on the margin, still, then, uncorrupted by the march of civilization.

His first book, *The People of the Sea* (1954), a tale of the search for the grey seal, reflected these preoccupations.

Among his other books were several novels, including *Daniel*, and *Hungry as Hunters*; the Danny Fox series of children's stories; a sharply observed portrait of Camden Town, where he settled; and an edition of the *Irish Journals of Elizabeth Smith, 1840-1850.*

Thomson leaves his widow, Martina, and three sons.

GENE VINCENT de PAUL

Gene Vincent de Paul, the composer, pianist and musical arranger, who collaborated on the Academy Award-winning score for the musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (1954), died over the weekend, at the age of 68, at his home in Los Angeles.

Some of de Paul's biggest hit songs were "Irresistible", "When You're In Love" and "I'll Remember April".

He also teamed up with lyricist Johnny Mercer for the 1956 Broadway musical score of the very successful *Li'l Abner.*

De Paul was inducted to the Songwriters' Hall of Fame, in 1985, and he also worked for the Walt Disney studios, collaborating on the music there for *Alice in Wonderland*

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
Ephesians 6 : 12

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On February 25th, in France, to Eliza (née Wilson) and John, a son Alexander.

ALLEN - On February 26th, to Iris (née Knuppel) and Peter, at The Portland Hospital, a son, Samuel Erwin.

ANSTEY - On February 25th, at Canterbury to Susan (née Brooks) wife of Christopher Anstey, a son Thomas Gordon Richard.

BEER - On February 25th, at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge to Anne and Charles a daughter Alice Rosemary.

BLEAKLEY - On February 27th, at Box Hill Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, to Carol and Des, a son, Gavin Paul.

ENTHOVEN - On February 26th, to Liz and Justin, twin daughters, Hester Agnes and Saskia Mary, sisters for Martha.

FATEMI - On February 28th, to Sarah (née Foulds) and Ali, a son Michael Reza, a brother for Roxana.

FREEMAN - On February 22nd, to Jane and Robin, a son, Alexander Robin, a brother for Rebecca.

GILL - On February 27th, to Sue (née Downs) and Robbie, a daughter Georgina Rose.

HENEAGE - On February 26th, to Roberta (née Wilkinson) and James a son, a brother for Christopher, William and Phoebe.

IDLEWILD - On February 29th, to Tracey and Ben, a son, a new brother for Eden.

JONES - On February 26th, in Norwich, to Frances (née Fisher) and Philip, a son William Philip Henry, a brother for Edward, Charlotte and Louisa.

LOUGH - On February 21st 1988, to Jessica (née Nasmyth) and Robin, a daughter, Emma.

OLDMAN - On February 27th, at Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, to Georgina (nee Pullen) and Richard, a daughter Lucy Clare.

PARISH - On February 27th, at Awali Hospital, Bahrain, to Joyce and Stephen, a daughter, Sarah Lybia Margaret, a sister for Nick and Jamie.

PRICE - On February 27th, to Nicky (née Magorin) and Max, a son, Douglas Henry Owen, a brother for Hannah.

SAMANDI - On February 22nd, to Benita (née Godwin) and Saeid, a daughter, Charlotte Leila, a sister for Thomas.

SHORLAND BALL - On February 28th, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Mary (née Sampson) and Daniel, a son, Thomas Anthony.

SMITH - On February 28th, to Lucinda (née Dalrymple) and Stephen, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

WARD - On February 26th, to Emma (née Hall) and Joe, a daughter Rosanna Emily.

DEATHS

ALSTON - On February 28th, at home, Michael Stewart Rowland, much loved husband of Sally, and father of Heather, Sarah and James.

ASHWORTH - On February 28th, peacefully at home after a steadfast fight, Tom, dear husband of Millie and father of Gabbie, Anne and Simon and much loved grandfather. Funeral will be held at St Laurence's RC Church, High Street, Edenbridge on Friday March 4th at 10.30 am, followed by burial at Hoatye. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Association, 67 Portland Place, London W1.

BENTLEY - *On February 27th 1988*, peacefully at the home of her daughter Judy, at Littlebourne, Constance Maud, aged 88 years, of Hatfield. Widow of Fred and dearly loved mother, and grandmother. Cremation at Barham Crematorium, on March 3rd, for family only. Flowers may be sent to C.W. Lyons, *Funeral Directors, 70 Military Road, Canterbury*, or donations if desired to The Pilgrims Hospice, 56 London Road Canterbury. Memorial Service at the parish church Hatfield, on Thursday March 10th, at 11 am.

BEER - On February 28th, at home, in her *84th year*, Nora Alice, much loved sister of Erna, the late Charles Ralph and the late Phyllis Rosa. Body left for medical research.

BOOTHROYD - On February 27th 1988, at home in Cuckfield, Sussex, Basil, darling husband of June, loving father of Toby, and grandfather of Angie and Peter. Loving and dearly loved "B" to Jeremy, Anne, Jane, Kirsty, Chris and Barry, James, Oliver, Sam, Carl, Peter, Claire and Thomas. Funeral service will take place on Friday, March 4th, at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Sussex at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. *Family flowers only please. If wished donations to St Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley, West Sussex.*

CROFT - On Saturday February 27th, 1988, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, after a short illness, Antony Julian, M.A., D.Phil, F.Inst.P., M.I.E.E., husband of Margaret and brother of Anne and Stephen. Funeral Monday March 7th, at 12.15pm at St Giles's Church Oxford, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if wished to:- The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London, W1.

HILL - On February 29th, at Winchester, Charles Horace John, born 01/01/1909. Husband of Nona, father of Alan, Paul, Sally, Richard, David and Lucy. Grandfather of many.

HOLMES - On February 25th 1988, suddenly at home, Hugh Andrew, aged 71 years. He was much loved and will be sadly missed by Valerie, Juliet, Perdita, Jane and the family. Funeral service at St George the Martyr, Queen Square, WC1 at 11.30 am, Monday March 7th followed by a private cremation at Golders Green. Family Flowers only, but donations if wished to The Multiple Sclerosis, 25 Effie Road, SW6.

JONES - On February 28th 1988, Derek, much loved husband of Joy, and dearly loved father of Sarah, Adrian, Neil and Robert. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the Church of The Transfiguration, Chaddesley Glen, Sandbanks, Poole, *on Friday March 4th at 11am*, followed by a private Burial. Flowers or donations for The Cancer Research Campaign maybe sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset.

KEITH - On February 28th, peacefully in Bexhill Hospital, John Lucien Keith, C.B.E., M.A., aged 92. Cremation at the West London Crematorium on Wednesday March 9th at 12.30 pm. Rest in peace.

LUMSDEN - On February 27th 1988, James Alfred Lumsden. Dear son of the late Mary and James Lumsden of Durham, Oxford and London. Much loved by his family and friends.

MILNE - On February 24th 1988, peacefully to rest at his home, Donald McLean aged 49 years, of Cambridge. Much loved by Janet Milne and their children Vikki, Douglas and Kate. Sadly missed by his many friends. Funeral service at 4.30 pm at Cambridge City Crematorium on Thursday March 3rd. *Family flowers only please but* donations to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, or British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Ann Street, London W1 would be appreciated.

MITCHELL - On February 28th, in Sitges, Spain, Peter Todd.

MONTGOMERY - *On February 27th*, peacefully, Rosemary, wife of the late Ernest Montgomery, mother of Libby, and grandmother of Laura, Sarah, Alice and Emily. Funeral at Cairndow Kirk, Argyll, Thursday March 3rd, 2.30pm. Donations to St. Andrew's Convent, Hawick.

OLDFIELD - On February 28th, 1988, suddenly at *Mayday* Hospital, Croydon, after a short illness, Alan. Beloved husband of Norah. Much loved father to Heather, Adele, Michelle and David.

O'REILLY - On February 27th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Beatrice, Helen (BEA), dearly beloved widow of Chris, sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday March 9th at 2pm.

PRINGER - On February 27th, Major H.H. (Bill) Pringer, R.A. In Melbourne, Australia. Much loved husband of Laurel and father of Simon, Richard, Gloria and Cynthia.

RANK - On February 27th peacefully at home, Margaret, aged 90, widow of Rowland Rank of Aldwick Place, West Sussex. Beloved by her large family and numerous friends. The *service will be at* Sennicotts Church on Friday March 4th at 2.15pm. Private interment at Pagham. Flowers to Reynolds and Co., Bognor Regis.

SMITHIE - On Sunday February 28th, very peacefully in Harrogate, Annie Susan Margaret (née Broadbent) aged 92. Widow of James Dearden (Jimmy) Smithie and deeply loved and greatly respected mother of Barbara, Anne, David and Jonathan. *Service of thanksgiving in due course.*

STEWART - On February 27th 1988, peacefully at home, Captain Robert Ross, Royal Navy D.L., J.P., aged 94 years. Darling husband of Alice Elizabeth for nearly 65 years, beloved father of Christian and loving grandfather of Rosanne and Christopher. Private cremation on Thursday March 3rd No flowers but donations. If desired, to Soberton Church Restoration Fund, c/o Chez House, Soberton, Hampshire. Thanksgiving service to be announced later.

THOM - On February 28th 1988, at Yeovil District Hospital after a long illness borne with great courage, Dr. Margaret Hope (Pixie) aged 66 years, beloved wife of George Thom and mother of Nicholas, Christopher, Alastair and Patrick. Funeral service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Castleton, Sherborne on Friday March 4th at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Donations for Dorset Macmillan Nurses may be sent to W.S. Brister and Son, Hound Street, Sherborne, Dorset.

THOMPSON - On February 28th 1988, suddenly at home, Arthur Denys Halstead, of 4 Richmond Road Cambridge. *Dearly* loved husband of Betty father of Edward and stepfather of John. Enquiries to Harry Williams and Sons. Tel: 0223 359480.

VINCENT-DAVIES - On February 24th, suddenly at home, Broadway, Worcestershire, Dr. Phyliss (née Dain), loving mother and grandmother. Memorial service, St. Peter, Bengeworth, Evesham, Wednesday March 2nd, 11.30am. Donations to Help the Aged, 52 Dover Street, London.

WALLIS - On February 27th 1988, Nancy Joan, of Byams, Fitzhead, Somerset. Funeral at St James' Church, Fitzhead on Friday March 4th at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations for St James' Church, Fitzhead, to Leonard E Smith Funeral Directors, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ARNOT - A Thanksgiving service for Lieutenant Colonel John Arthur Gordon Arnot M.C., D.L. will be held in Durham Cathedral on Sunday April 17th at 12.45pm.

WILLIAMS - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Gertrude Rachel Williams, will be held in the Parish *Church*, Eversholt, Bedfordshire, at 12.00 noon on Friday, March 4th.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BADARIKAN - Chief Charles Ofuoji, passed away March 1st 1986. Remembered with love and greatly missed by his family.

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SPURWAY Avis Odeyne. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday 23rd March 2.30pm at St. Marylebone Parish Church. Tea will be served afterwards at the kind invitation of St Dunstans, 12 Harcourt Street, W1.

STEVENSON - A Memorial Service for The Rt. Hon. Sir Melford Stevenson will be held in the Temple Church, Temple, London, EC4, on Thursday, March 3rd, at 5.00pm.

Cranwell graduations

Air Vice-Marshal C. J. Thomson, Air Officer Commanding No 1 Group, was the reviewing officer when 117 officers of No 107 Initial Officer Training Course and 12 officers of 223 Specialist Entrant and Re-Entrant Course graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on February 25. Jet Provost aircraft from the Flying Wing, Royal Air Force Cranwell provided the flypast.

Prize winners of NO 107 Initial Officer Training Course: sword of merit: Student Officer C D A F Bearblock BSc; Hennessey Trophy and Phillip Sassoon Memorial Prize: Student Officer S W Rovery BA; British Aircraft Corporation Trophy: Student Officer R D Wilson BSc.

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Chaplains Branch
The Rev (Flight Lieutenant) S W Oram RNMS and the Rev (Flight Lieutenant) D Wynne-Jones. DTheol.

University news

Oxford

Elections
The Acting Warden and Fellows of All Souls College have elected to Senior Research Fellowships: Charles Webster, BSc, MSc, DSc (London), MA (Oxford) Reader in the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, and Director of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford; and Edward Anthony Wrigley, BA, MA, PhD (Cambridge), Professor of Population Studies, London School of Economics.

St Antony's College
Visiting Fellows: W H Hudson Fellowship (Anglo-Argentine exchange) 1988 Dr Alaine Low; Andres Bello Fellowship: Dr Roberto Briceno (Universidad Central de Venezuela); Latin American Visiting Fellowship 1988: Dr R Cardias: Latin American Visiting Fellow Hilary Term 1988: Dr J Stubbs.

Visiting Fellow in Turkish: Dr E Gursoy-Naskali: Israeli Visiting Fellow: Prof N Rose (Hebrew University of Jerusalem); Visiting Fellowship Hilary Term 1988: Dr P Luft (Durham University).

Cambridge

Professor N.L.A. Lesh has been elected to a fellowship at Clare Hall.

Wales

University College Cardiff/UWIST
The Cardiff Business School has appointed Dr Nigel Piercy professor of marketing and strategy, the first such position in the university, and Dr Michael Poole as professor of human resource management. Formerly readers in the business school they will both head their respective groups.

Bradford

Provident Financial Group, the personal consumer credit company, has founded a new chair at the university. Dr Richard Pike, aged 41, and a senior lecturer in financial management at the university, has been appointed to the Provident Financial Group chair of finance and accounting.

UMIST

Grants
Electrical engineering
SERC: £165,710 to Dr R E Spooner for the design of an integrated 10KW CHP unit (co-op grant).

Management sciences
Science and Engineering Research Council: £106,629 to Dr J M Smith and Mr R A Chesters for a teaching company programme with British Telecom.

British Telecom: £96,696 to Dr Smith and Mr Chesters for a teaching company programme.

Instrumentation and analytical science
Cogent Ltd: £124,829 to Prof P A Payne for the development, fabrication and testing of a multi-element sensor and associated electronics for use in gas and odour detection.

Department of Trade and Industry: £211,642 to Professor Payne and Dr R Narayanaswamy for new chemically sensitive fibre-optic systems, sensors and transducers.

Kent

The university announces that the title and status of reader in condensed matter physics has been conferred on Dr John Dore, previously senior lecturer in physics, from January 1.

Dr Frank Burnet, senior lecturer in biochemistry, has been appointed sub-dean of the faculty of natural sciences from 1 January.

Bath

Grants
School of Management
A contract for between £165,000 and £261,250 from British Airways to Professor I. L. Mangham for a Master of Business Administration Course.

Appointment
Lecturer: L McAulay, BA, MSc, (*School of Management*).

Inner Temple

Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarships, which defray the cost of admission to the Inn and Call to the Bar, have been awarded to the following:

Mr N D Adlington LLB of Leicester Polytechnic; Miss R J Brown BA of York University; Miss S M Burrell BA of University College, Oxford; Mr M D Chisholm of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; Mr R B Cooper BSc of Liverpool University; Mr T J Gray of Durham University; Mr A C Davies BA of Worcester College, Oxford; Mr A S Davies of Southampton University; Mr P R De Val LLB and MPhil of Leicester University; Miss J M E Doran of *Southampton* University; Miss J J Eady BA of St Hugh's College, Oxford; Mr A F M Eastaal of Oriel College, Oxford; Mr A N Essa LLB of Warwick University.

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FASHION by Liz Smith

Elegant understatement



Making a comeback can prove to be a simply sensual experience — as Juliet Dunn, the designer, has discovered

Molto raffinata, the Italians murmur approvingly about designer Juliet Dunn's latest ideas. The French adore the understated chic of them, and homed in on her racks of restrained clothes at the recent lingerie fair in Paris, an oasis of good taste among the sex-shop frillies.

In choosing to stage a comeback in the fashion business after a seven-year absence with a range of simple silk robes, camisoles and comfortable pyjamas, Dunn has unexpectedly struck home to a sub-conscious need in women today. Floppy silk trousers, eased gently on to elastic at the waist, an unstructured shirty top made to an honest straight-up design, a shawl-collared robe you just slide into and wrap around are precisely the soft alternative to the brittle glamour of recent fashions for which women have been searching.

What prompts a designer to pick up the threads of a successful career after a seven-year sabbatical? The itch to create is her pat answer. That she was driven by her sophisticated ideals of quality and disenchanted by what she could buy in the shops is also obvious. The reason she cut loose in the first place after a decade in fashion was, she says, "for a breather — and to get married".

If Dunn has since had to wrestle with any conflict between her drive to create clothes and the romantic ideals of full-time motherhood it is not apparent; her two children, aged 18 months and three years, are as much the cause of her new self-assurance as her strikingly simple design ethos.

Like many another successful woman designer, Dunn is her own best advertisement. It is said that Donna Karan once had to leave the New York store, Bergdorf Goodman, in a towelling robe after one customer had insisted on buying an outfit straight off the designer's back. Similarly, Dunn turns up at a dinner party, flower pinned to the shawl collar of her spotted silk dressing gown, a wide belt pulling it in over leggings and flat ballet shoes, and fellow guests ply her with orders.

She remains free from the need to follow trends slavishly. Her clothes reflect her personal interpretation of the classics. They are cut on clean, uncluttered lines, yet are worn with a special edge. However understated a pair of silk pyjamas may be, wearing them to a party is not for shrinking violets. Nor is it an overwhelming fashion statement. These are clothes for confident women to own and mix around, the dressing gown flapping over jeans and a leotard, the shirt tucked into a short leather skirt.

Dunn came to the fashion business without any formal design qualifications but with a training that many designers lack — a business course. Her first collection of organdie evening dresses, made with a £100 investment, from her basement flat in Chelsea in 1970, were bought by Fortnum & Mason. Her collections, many of which were in Liberty's printed wool and lawn mixed with velvet and silk, were the mainstay of many a fashionable wardrobe.

Her secretary from those days, who came for a week from the Solve Your Problem agency and stayed for 10 years, is back with her. A bolt hole of a studio in Covent Garden still provides a base. And the same pattern-cutter she had then, who now works for Basile in Milan, today executes her ideas on a freelance basis. Her collection is made in Italy (by the same shirt-makers who manufacture for Armani and Romeo Gigli) from Como silks.

"Simplicity is the hardest thing to get right," Dunn says. "I wanted these clothes to have the same feel of a pair of silk pyjamas from Charvet in the Rue de la Paix, but for women."

Prices are high, but shops already stocked with the new Dunn line report little resistance on the part of customers faced with such seasonless chic. "These are the sort of clothes that a certain type of self-confident woman appreciates and is prepared to spend money on," says Clare Stubbs, fashion director at Harrods. "A wonderful heavy silk dressing gown becomes a much-loved item in her wardrobe, something she might fold away one season, but can bring out another time to wear in a different way. It is not a one-day wonder."

Although the clothes hang mostly in lingerie departments, it is obvious that a rose-splashed silk dressing gown becomes the perfect summery dress and a satin T-shirt an essential top to wear with trousers or a short skirt. It is with this elegant ease that Dunn makes her official comeback when the British fashion industry descends on London's Olympia next week to display its latest offerings. She will be hanging her clothes alongside the top names in the London Designer Collections and re-opening her order book.



Above left: Rose-splashed silk crêpe de Chine shawl-collared dressing gown, grey/lilac, grey/yellow, £233, Juliet Dunn; panama hat, £78.50, Herbert Johnson, 13 Old Burlington Street, W1; wide suede belt, £55, Osprey from Harvey Nichols, SW1; Selfridges, W1; Julie Fitzmaurice, Harrogate. Interlocking circle earrings, £21.50, XYZ, 74 Heath Street, NW3. Silver lozenge bracelet, £48, Janet Fitch, 2 Percy Street, W1

Inset: Juliet Dunn, the designer, on the right in black and white spotted silk dressing gown with model wearing brown and white striped silk pyjamas and dressing gown

Above: Blue and white candy-striped silk dressing gown, £233; short-sleeved shirt, part of pyjama set, £208, also pink/white stripes, Juliet Dunn. Broken-in blue jeans, £26, American Classics, 400 Kings Road, SW10; brown and white spotted silk tie, £20, Lords, 41 Burlington Arcade, W1

Left: Dark paisley wool dressing gown, £225; scarlet and green paisley silk dressing gown, £289; matching paisley silk camisole, £57; scarlet silk trousers, part of pyjama set, £199, all Juliet Dunn

The Juliet Dunn collection is available from Fenwick, 63 New Bond Street, W1; Harrods, SW1; Harvey Nichols, SW1; Beauchamp Place Shop, SW3; Peter Jones, SW3; Temptation, Wimbledon; Sweet Dreams, Guildford; Enchanté, Beaconsfield; Forget Me Not, Southampton; Jane Davidson, Edinburgh

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PEOPLE

Lured by linen

The present lower rate of the dollar has prompted British buyers to dabble in fashion from across the pond. One name whose line has made the leap across the Atlantic is Charlotte Neuville. Still a relative newcomer in America, her forward-looking design notions seem particularly European. Ten years' experience working alongside stars such as Perry Ellis and Adrienne Vittadini had won Neuville a design reputation on Seventh Avenue that assured her sizeable backing when she decided to establish her own label two years ago.

High-waisted matador pants and boleros in natural embroidered Italian linen, long-line tunic jackets over a flip of soft pleats, all in soft desert colours and priced from £75 for an embroidered linen skirt up to £269 for a linen coat, feature in Neuville's spring collection exclusive to Harrods in Knightsbridge. Brighter colours, like a strong fuchsia, as well as Neuville's chic black linen dresses and separates, all inspired by Turkish men's clothes of the 19th century, arrive in the store next month. "I am not a designer who wants to create the basic blazer," Neuville says. She was in London last week to launch the collection. "There is a gap in the market for sophisticated clothes that are not priced at designer level that I want to fill."



Over here: Charlotte Neuville, new arrival from across the Atlantic

Admiration for a Muir

While Californians meet the Duke and Duchess of York during their trip to the West Coast to launch "UK/LA", a 12-week salute to British arts and commerce, some of the best of our indigenous fashion is prominently on view, not just on the Duchess's back (Alistair Blair and Lindka Cierach numbers jostle with the Saint Laurent outfits in her wardrobe) but displayed in fashion shows. The couple's official tour of a glossy Los Angeles landmark emporium, Bullocks Wilshire, was taken as an opportunity for them to open officially the Jean Muir boutique in the store. Muir, an éminence grise of our fashion industry and the British designer with most clout among the shiny set across the Atlantic, interrupted preparations in her workrooms of her autumn collection, due to be shown here next week, to fly to LA for the event, and to attend the soirée tonight at LA's Music Centre where the Muir summer line goes on parade.

● The Princess of Wales, staunch supporter of the British fashion industry and its most glamorous customer, plays an unprecedented role in London's forthcoming Fashion Week by hosting a party in honour of designers at Kensington Palace. Invitations have been issued to a select 200, including buyers from major international stores, to the reception at the palace which promises to provide a dazzling climax to the schedule of shows, and upstages any "celebration in the other fashion capitals.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Long odds

A man reading a publication called *The Ring*, while keeping tabs on a country club from his parked car, might conceivably be a cultured gumshoe investigating (let us suppose) the death of Siegfried, and waiting to interview the local swans. No such figure, however, would be seen dead behind the wheel of a white Mark IX Jaguar – number-plate WINIT – nor would he be likely to sport the tinted hair and noxious cigars of a more vulgar calling.

Announced as much by his accessories as by his dialogue, the titular protagonist of Scottish Television's new three-parter *Bookie* (ITV) is Danny Dawson, a Glaswegian turf accountant whose hard nose is forever being compromised by his soft heart.

An aged regular punter of *the 10p-each-way variety* had only to tell him that her husband was in hospital for Danny to lend her £30 in notes; she promptly put £5 on the nose of the second favourite at Ayr and cleaned up. A high-rolling account customer had similar faith in second favourites three days on the trot, and Danny's son was made to look a chump for failing to lay off the bets.

Maurice Roeves and John Hannah turned in a credible account of the father-son relationship; what was hard to believe was that Allan Prior's script intends to hang three hours of television drama on such a hook. "In Glasgow," Danny observed in one of his frequent philosophical lapses, "a father loves Rangers or Celtic or maybe his girlfriend – he doesn't love his son." In an economically structured drama, that one line – appropriately contrasted by the action to demonstrate its falsity in Danny's case – would have carried all the weight needed. Here, it was just another example of middle-evening spread.

***Bookie*'s predecessor from this stable, the highly successful *Taggart*, had pace, plot and a welcome measure of high-profile criminality. This serial's fairly routine nobbling conspiracy gives meagre legs on which to last three circuits of the course.The only pluses on the horizon are the inclusion of Ian Bannen in the field and the fact that, despite the odd crafty old besom and right wee barm-pot, subtitles are not required.**

Martin Cropper

The image unbound

GALLERIES

Karsh/Henry Peach Robinson
Barbican

Two Scottish Photographers
Richard Pomeroy

The question often seems to be: what is the right place for photographs? More frequently than it is nowadays fashionable to admit, I find myself wondering, after seeing yet another gallery show of photography, whether it would not be as satisfactory, less pretentious, more natural even, in the pages of a book. Considered in that light, many photography shows just do not justify the space they occupy on the walls.

But every now and then along comes a show which clearly does something a book could never do. The Barbican Art Gallery has, until April 24, not one but two which, in their very different ways, justify the exhibition context up to the hilt: **Karsh: A Birthday Celebration** downstairs and **Henry Peach Robinson, Master of the Art of Pictorial Photography** up above.

The Karsh show is, organizationally, fairly straightforward. What it has specially going for it which no book, however lavish, could match, is the superlative quality of the prints and, perhaps even more, their sheer size.

Occasionally it seems that almost any photograph will impress if it is blown up big enough. But that is certainly not the feeling with these Karsh portraits, put together to celebrate his 80th birthday.

One is struck, first of all, by the wondering observation of just how many classic images every schoolchild knows are here up on the walls – many more than most of us can ever have realized were the work of the same photographer.

True, it might not seem to be saying much to exclaim over the extreme familiarity of this image of Hemingway or that of Margaret Thatcher, or the other of Sibelius or Shaw or Einstein or Epstein. After all, in this media-dominated age, familiarity breeds familiarity. But there is always some reason behind the choice that the media make, and that we endorse.

And in Karsh's case it is generally that, in an image of extreme uncluttered simplicity, he has managed to capture the myth. It is difficult to say whether he has always penetrated deep into the private character of the public figure, since in each case, inevitably, there are very few really qualified to judge this. But then, how far did many of the classic portrait painters penetrate in similar circumstances?

One of the portraitist's functions, and surely a perfectly legitimate one, is to present what oft was thought but never so clearly encapsulated. The image caught unawares, which shows the sombre gay, the relaxed intense, the impeccable for once off balance, does have its own truth. But it is not necessarily more true or meaningful than the face deliberately presented to the public, which the public immediately recognises.

It is this that Karsh primarily goes for: he is in many respects the Sargent of our day. When was Joan Crawford more completely the Joan Crawford that we all wanted her to be than in Karsh's triumphant embodiment of everyday glamour and feminine strength? When was Evelyn Waugh more completely at home in his skin before a camera than in the 1964 portrait seated at his desk, surrounded by his books, every inch the country gentleman with respectable but not too pronounced cultural interests?

The Waugh picture is one of the relatively few in which the props really help. Though often an artist will be glimpsed close to his art, or a musician with his instrument, the effect is more fanciful than essential to the definition; what Karsh really cares about are the faces, and what they tell us, and for this he likes to come close in and cut out all background frills.

The result is that even with people we do not immediately recognise – Soulages, say, or I.M. Pei – they at once look interesting, and make us want to know who they are. What could be an immense exercise in visual name-dropping becomes truly illuminating, in a way you could never get from a book.

The Henry Peach Robinson show works as completely, though in a very different fashion. Robinson is one of the old masters of British photography, though not outside scholarly circles a very well-known one.

He trained as a painter and, more practically, as a woodblock engraver, and even had a certain success in these fields before becoming, from the age of 22 on, more and more completely engrossed in photography. There is a point in the show's rather cumbersome sub-title, for he approached photography very much from the point of view of the traditionally trained painter, seeing most of his photographs like paintings, as illustrations of particular dramatic situations or lines of verse, and making all sorts of preliminary studies of how he was going to put each composition together.

But he went one vital step further. When we talk of his putting compositions together, we mean it in the most literal way. Many of his most ambitious photographs are pieced together from as many as nine or 10 negatives, attaining thereby a dreamlike immobility which at once calls to mind contemporary Pre-Raphaelite paintings (he began taking photographs in 1852).

And what this show succeeds triumphantly in doing is to put him completely and unmistakably in his historical context. This is by bringing together comparable paintings and drawings and, sometimes even more striking, black-and-white photographs of paintings, so that we can see how uncanny is the resemblance, technically and emotionally, between a photograph like "Bringing Home the May" (1862) and Millais's "Spring (Apple Blossom)", completed a couple of years earlier.

We can also compare directly Robinson's view of the country with Birket Foster's, and consider Robinson's "The Lady of Shalott" among a variety of pictorial renderings of this central Victorian theme. The show, in short, is an absolute model of its kind, and should not be missed, even if you go primarily for Karsh.



Triumphant embodiment of everyday glamour and feminine strength: the complete Joan Crawford, as photographed by Karsh

At a glance, one may wonder if the work of Calum Colvin, one of the **Two Scottish Photographers** on show until March 26 at Richard Pomeroy's temporary gallery in Jacob Street Studios, SE1, is put together by some of the same methods as Robinson's. His compositions are intricate, painterly (or perhaps sculptural, since he originally trained as a sculptor) and full of perceptual pitfalls. They might be pasted together, but in fact they are not: everything you see (or think you see) is set up in front of the camera and then recorded at one go.

His speciality is painting things on and over other things, in such a way that you have to keep adjusting your focus, and even then you are not always sure what overlays what, what was really, dimensionally there and what is a trick of the light or of perspective.

Perhaps this all sounds rather like the laborious tableaux of Boyd Webb, but Colvin's mystery and playfulness are essential rather than existential. No wonder that he has been often seen up to now in painting shows rather than photographic.

The other Scot, Ewan Fraser, is more evidently an artist within a certain tradition of photography. He loves to overlay unexpected textures on fairly traditional portrait or nude photographs, so that we find we are looking at a pattern of pebbles or a peeling wall through a beautiful woman, or maybe vice versa.

Recently he has taken to colour, feeling that pure black-and-white these days can look too precious and "art-photography". The result is a series of photographs seen through painterly swirls and hazes of colour. Not altogether clear where he is going, but the views along the way are certainly beguiling.

John Russell Taylor

Monk man's own voice

Saxophonist Charlie Rouse is particularly associated with the music of Thelonious Monk. He talks to Clive Davis as his latest album, with the Stan Tracey Quartet, is released

TIM MOTION



New lease of life at 63: Charlie Rouse pictured doing what he likes to do, as long as it feels right

A glance at the curriculum vitae that Charlie Rouse diffidently hands over before our interview amounts to almost a résumé of modern jazz history. Ellington, Basie, Gillespie, Fats Navarro, Clifford Brown are all names that have featured in his career. Last year he went on tour with a virtuoso of the new school, the trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. "Ten years ago I was really worried that the music was dying," Rouse says. "The young kids thought it was old-time stuff. Now they're coming back to it."

As far as the Washington-born tenor saxophonist is concerned, however, one name matters more than most: Thelonious Monk, the pianist with whom he played for 11 years, and whom he still clearly regards with awe. "He was a great American composer. If George Gershwin and Cole Porter are worthy of being played all around the world, then so is he."

Rouse first joined Monk in 1959, the year of the spectacular Town Hall Concert. All in all, the job was one of the most difficult of all assignments. Monk's arrangements – and behaviour – were notoriously difficult, and Rouse also had to contend with the reputations of his predecessors in the tenor chair: Johnny Griffin and John Coltrane. Many critics, thrown off-balance perhaps by his dry, unfussy style, dismissed him as a lightweight improviser. The 1960s were, moreover, a fallow period for Monk, with few classics to join those from earlier decades. The burden on Rouse was, therefore, even heavier.

Now, at 63, he is finally winning appreciation in his own right while continuing to explore his mentor's heritage. When he went on tour with the Stan Tracey quartet last Autumn, he treated audiences to a clutch of Monk tunes, including "Straight, No Chaser". Tracey's Monk-ish keyboard technique acted as a suitably eccentric foil.

The relationship with Tracey is documented in their album, *Playin' In The Yard* (Steam Records), recorded last October. "It was just something that happened," Tracey explained. "If it feels right, I just like to do it." The result is a relaxed session, with Rouse comfortably fitting into the Tracey rhythm section on Sonny Rollins's funky title track and Ellington's plaintive if over-familiar "In A Sentimental Mood". Other tracks include Tad Dameron's "Wee" and a revival of Tracey's 1959 blues "Li'l ol' Pottsville".

Shortly after we spoke, Rouse was due to travel to Switzerland for a residency with his quartet. Sphere, run as a cooperative with the pianist Kenny Barron, bassist Buster Williams and drummer Ben Riley (another Monk alumnus). In an age of pick-up groups and prefabricated festival line-ups, Sphere is a rarity, a working band, comparable to the Modern Jazz Quartet.

The group made a sparkling debut in 1982 with *Four In One*, an album of lesser-known Monk tunes such as "Light Blue" and "Evidence". The LP was originally conceived as a tribute to the composer, who by this time had become a reclusive figure, refusing to perform in public. ("When I used to visit him, I tried to persuade him to start playing again. But he wouldn't. He had a baby grand in the room and he wouldn't even touch that.") By a curious coincidence, when Rouse and his colleagues returned home after the recording session, they heard the news on the radio that Monk had died earlier that day.

"If we'd known that was going to happen, we wouldn't have gone ahead with the session, because people thought we were going to be a sort of Monk band, like Mingus Dynasty. And there was a misunderstanding because Sphere happened to be Thelonious's middle name. In fact it was Kenny's idea originally. He suggested it because it expressed the idea of four musicians forming a whole."

Sphere quickly developed a reputation as one of the most cohesive of contemporary bands, adding original numbers to its repertoire alongside the standards. Rouse says he is now working hard at composition, something he had previously neglected. After surviving the lean years of the 1970s – he gave up playing altogether at one point to try his hand at acting – he is, one senses, determined to make the most of his new lease of life.

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Rosalind Plowright
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Rosalind Plowright has been so busy forging an operatic career that British audiences would have to search through a good many diaries to recall her last song recital here. Fortunately, Verdi, too, occasionally turned from opera-house to drawing-room, and wrote the cameos which were the high point of Plowright's Sunday recital.

The recording of *Traviata*, on which she has been working, seems to have coaxed her voice into just that tense oscillation of emotion, that sudden crescendo of activity so thrilling in a song like the "Preghiera di Margarita". The characteristic concentration, the ardent, fast vibrato which gives her voice that distinctive laser-like quality, beamed its way through the fickle "Stornello".

The encouragement of an increasingly enthusiastic audience prepared the way for Rachmaninov. The resilient core of Plowright's voice brought a raw plangency to "Dreams". It was "The Harvest of Sorrow" which disclosed a real garnering of resources: its sparse, pentatonic melody reached a resounding climax of Eastern European despair in the throat and lungs of one who knew exactly how far and in which direction to push the voice.

Encores, of course, were in heavy demand. Plowright unearthed a little song by Puccini called "Paganini", a perfect, tight bud for the blossoming of *Bohème* some 15 years later; then sped on to Ponchielli's "Romanza".

Earlier in the evening, in Schubert and Strauss, although Geoffrey Parsons provided most gallant support, it was clear that, despite obviously heart-felt intentions, the stillness and concentration of focus necessary for the preparation of *Lieder* are simply not present at the moment in Plowright's life. Here, it seemed as if the voice, brilliant but constrained and tense, was pulling away from the personality rather than opening out in expression of it.

Hilary Finch

Spirit and splendour

CONCERTS

RPO/Handley
Festival Hall

Between his acclaimed performances of Captain Vere in *Billy Budd* at the Coliseum, Philip Langridge gave his attention to Britten in a different musical mood, for a Royal Philharmonic Orchestra concert which was also recorded for later transmission on Radio 3. The *Sérenade* for tenor, horn and strings invites a sensibility to English poetry, linked by a nocturnal theme in the chosen verses and expressed in music of haunting vividness.

With assured partnership from Jeffrey Bryant, the RPO's principal horn, whose playing of the unaccompanied off-stage epilogue was of the most exquisite finesse, Langridge invested each poem in the sequence with thoughtful character and phrasing. He did not over-project the vocal line (indeed, there were one or two phrases where the words were less than clear), and "Dirge" was not ideally balanced between soloists and orchestra, but the overall effect reaffirmed all that we have most come to admire in the work.

In a programme of all-English music such as he has made a speciality, Vernon Handley prefaced Britten with Bax, and conducted an account of *Tintagel* that gave it the wind-swept historical romance the composer found on the North Cornish coast. The performance reflected an ear for perspective and for the multiple colours thrown up in any seascape, and fully earned the horns and other brass their separate calls at the end.

The same instruments were no less prominent in Elgar's First Symphony, which the conductor began by striding away with the great *nobilmente* first theme, thereby avoiding its sometimes lugubrious feeling. He was concerned, it seemed, to infuse a welcome vitality into the work as a whole, and the orchestral response was proof enough that no conductor today is better equipped to explore such a work's inner spirit as well as its outward splendour.

Noël Goodwin

Inappropriately confined

Pegasus/ Crossland
Purcell Room

Here surely was a concert that ought to have been happening somewhere else. The 30-odd voices of Pegasus were encouraged by their conductor Richard Crossland to produce such a strength and depth of tone that they sounded clamorous in such a confined space, even without the added tape and percussionists of Arne Nordheim's *Aurora II*. In terms both of acoustic and of atmosphere, this programme, sandwiching Nordheim between Victoria and Lassus, would have been much more suitably performed in a church.

OAE/Kuijken
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The most memorable aspect of the concert performance last month of *L'infedeltà delusa* was the gloriously tangy, alert contribution by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, pointing up every piece of Haydnesque wit. On Saturday, again directed by Sigiswald Kuijken, these players took up where they left off: performing Haydn's Symphonies Nos 46 and 82, with panache, polish and an evident relish which was irresistible.

No 46 was marginally less successful in technical terms. In No 82, "The Bear", their incisiveness was allied to a particularly effective pair of trumpets and one of Kuijken's more elemental readings. The result was a performance of superb contrasts and (in the finale) extraordinary precision at a cracking pace.

After the interval, oddly, came the overture – to Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* – and Mozart's C minor Concerto K491, which Melvyn Tan played on the fortepiano.

There were problems of balance here which tended to obscure Tan's left-hand work; a pity, because his cadenzas showed he was in mercurial touch, and his phrasing throughout was stylish and beguiling. So, too, was the wind ensemble playing in the slow movement.

Richard Morrison

A little more reverberation might also have helped the choir to achieve a more integrated sound: the mixture of male and female altos seemed excessively curdled, and, as so often in amateur and semi-professional groups, there was weakness in the tenors.

However, the basses provided a confident line and the sopranos were assertive, for all their Englishness of tone: Victoria in particular (we heard an antiphonal Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and two sets of Lamentations) was weakened by so much respectable rationality.

The two big recent pieces by Nordheim, coming from the most distinguished of Norwegian composers and given in his presence, were disappointing. *Aurora II*, which lasts for 20 minutes, sets Psalm 139 in Latin and Hebrew, then moves on to a largely spoken treatment of the closing lines of the *Paradiso*. Both texts contributed more than their fair share to the effect, the music adding merely slow-moving and rudimentary harmonic gestures on the borderlands of traditional tonality.

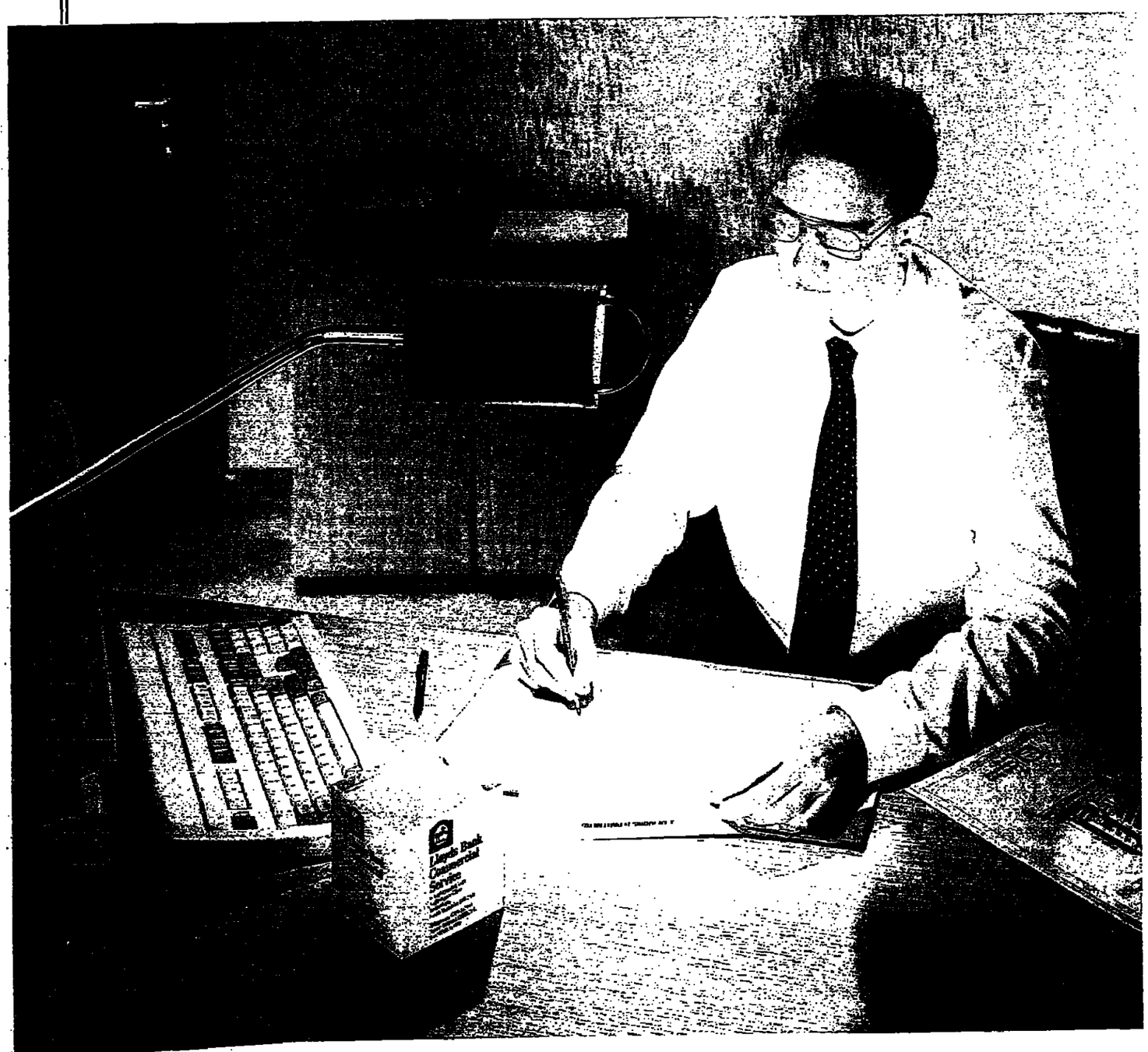
The 15-minute *Tres lamentationes* was rather in the same style, though without the tape and two percussionists. Nevertheless, their vibraphones, antique cymbals and tam-tams were left on the stage, adding resonances which were curious here, but still more bizarre in Lassus and Victoria.

Paul Griffiths

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How Britain can aid cosmonauts

By Nick Nuttall

The announcement of an Anglo-Soviet space-research venture into the harmful effects of radiation and weightlessness has spotlighted a revolutionary piece of British technology developed at the University of Sheffield's Department of Medical Physics and clinical engineering.

Applied potential tomography (APT) is a sophisticated imaging system that monitors the flow of fluids by passing an electrical current through the body and measuring the resistivity. Three-dimensional data is recorded two-dimensionally on both a screen and a computer print-out to give the user a high-definition picture of the health of the body tissues.

The Soviets believe the British invention offers a neat, non-invasive, way of testing mathematical models designed to predict how a cosmonaut's body will bear up under prolonged periods of zero gravity and radiation.

They are also hoping the series of planned experiments both on earth and in space, monitoring the fluid flows that trigger bone, muscle and blood deterioration, will lead to a way of screening cosmonauts to find which of them will be more biologically suited for the rigours of space life. For the British the venture offers unprecedented access to the Soviet's wealth of space scientific knowledge and a chance to test their inventions outside the laboratory in a Russian space ship.

APT is the brainchild of Professor Brian Brown and Dr David Barber who, with £150,000 from the Engineering Research Council, have spent five years developing the complex electronic and computer software needed to create meaningful high quality images. Professor Brown said: "The idea of producing pictures of tissue resistivity, non-invasively, is not a new one. For 20 years or more the big differences between pathological and normal tissue has been recognized. The problem has been that if you apply currents to the body it spreads out in three dimensions unlike x-rays which pass right through as a beam.

"The idea we had five years ago was a method of still producing images even though the current flow is still in three dimensions throughout the body."

Professor Brown is confident APT can play a vital role in the Russian experiments into tissue deterioration. "The Russians are interested," he said, "because you cannot fly other systems such as X-ray CAT scans or nuclear magnetic resonance machines up into space. APT, however, is a very modest piece of equipment."

Floppy discs to the aid of the car

By Raymond Palmer

American car manufacturers are using floppy discs as a new sales promotion aid. Animated discs, aimed at the AB market group, are a high-tech alternative to sales brochures. They provide driving simulation games and a database of car features, optional extras, prices and comparisons between models.

General Motors Corporation's Buick division ran a successful pilot scheme last year. Initially it offered 20,000 free discs to Macintosh owners. More than 67,000 requests poured in to its Flint, Michigan headquarters.

This year Buick is offering a beefed-up version with more animation, detailed information and colour graphics. It hopes to distribute 100,000 IBM-compatible discs and 75,000 Macintosh floppies.

Called Buick Dimension, the software includes product and technology-oriented programs promoting its new $25,000 two-seater Reatta model. As well as a commercial depicting the car on the road, it includes a three-dimensional rotating picture of the car's engine in operation.

An excellent opportunity to change brand preference

It also contains information on specifications, standard features, purchase options and prices and details of 20 other Buick products that users can compare with 60 competitive vehicles similarly equipped.

Market research among 200 people who ordered a disc last year shows 10 per cent intended buying a new Buick. Only a quarter of those were Buick owners and the company considered this presented an excellent opportunity to change brand preference.

A company official said consumers seemed to prefer the disc to the traditional sales brochure. "It's a kind of curiosity," she said, "and an entertaining way to get sales information across."

Ford, which is using the disc promotion for the first time, includes three driving simulation games on its IBM-compatible disc: Grand Prix, Slalom and Drag Strip. It is available by mail order for $4.95 (about £2.80).

Users can select any one of 29 Ford vehicles and can figure it with any available options. The program then computes the on-the-road price, costs of financing and monthly payments.

The company declined to say how many discs it expected to distribute but a Ford spokesman said the audience was the 93 million American adults exposed to PCs at home or at work. He compared the situation to the early days of television and said some well-heeled Americans are playing with their personal computers rather than watching TV.

Software for both the Buick and Ford discs were designed and produced by SoftAd Group of Sausalito, California. SoftAd president, Paula George, said about 75 per cent of American PC users are college graduates of average household incomes above £45,000 which makes them an

PERSPECTIVE

Progress or reaction: a key issue for our age

We are, we are told, moving towards an information society. This progression is seen as part of a historial evolution from nomadic tribes through the development of agriculture and the industrial revolution towards the information society of the 21st century.

With apparent perversity in parallel with the technological developments, we are buttressing against its implications to the extent that the benefits may be at risk. Are we perhaps imposing the very constraints on progress, whose absence so stimulated previous ages of development?

The agricultural societies persisted within the loose framework of tribal customs; the industrial age in its turn — flourished and exploded at least partly because it was allowed and encouraged so to do. Will tomorrow's society ride the waves of opportunity or, Canute-like, try to hold back progress?

The information society implies immediate and unlimited access to data banks of national and international data and experience. An up-to-date, on-line, real-time library at our fingertips for massive exploitation; a global village of technical gossip and fact.

The technology already exists to hold and provide the data. The computing power, the storage facilities and the communication techniques are there. Database development and graphical displays allow simple data access and abstraction and the right people now have the appreciation to use them, if not yet a full understanding of their true potential.

It may be a long time before computers speak, in a normal fashion, but they are certainly already major communicators; an aid to productive thinking from computer-aided design to desk top publishing, and digital mapping. The computer is now firmly established as a creative tool for such as the fashion trade, architects and industrial designers.

We speak, we see, we compute. The micro chip provides a sixth sense of almost limitless power. Yet such a powerful potential for progress *apprently frightens us* and we atry to defend ourselves against such risks with legislation.

The Data Protection Act protects individuals, at least in theory, against the unauthorized holding of personal information; the Intellectual Property Act also protects, this time the individual software designer and builder against



By William Jacot

theft. Proposals for data security aim to restrict access rather than encourage it.

The Intellectual Property Act raises problems with its implications for such small-print considerations as, for example, the use of electronic transmssion systems. Which end is which? A hacker in Australia steals a program from a UK computer — whose jurisdiction is he under? Complicate such an example with extensive networks using databases and litigation could become almost impossible.

Few take the Data Protection Act seriously. However, leaving aside the powers of the Registrar, companies with many networks covering individual branches — say for example a Building Society — may well rue the Act as inquirers quite legally begin accessing personal records. The disruption that may be caused in such a way, perhaps by a disgruntled employee, could bring these complex systems to a halt.

Computer crime is now big business. Hacking, software fiddling, straightforward deception and fraud are healthy reasons for senior management concern. The dilemma is that under reaction encourages such crime, whereas over reaction limits the very purpose for which the new information systems were installed.

Skill is required to determine what really needs to be protected, how and by whom. If we must hold confidential data, it should be both secure and available for its purpose.

The effect of such legislation, however important in its legal consequence, could be to stupefy and cramp progress towards the heralded information society.

But will it? There is one ray of hope for those visionaries of the new society; these new laws are based on what is already yesterday's technology. Legislative amendments made will never catch up with technological advances; The Data Protection Act may prove far too complex to administer and will probably fall by the wayside in neglect.

The Act may pay lukewarm lip service to the European Community ideals, but can never really hope to be effective. The very scale of the problem alone is daunting. The Intellectual Property Act is simply obsolete before it becomes law. Technology has leapt forward during its years of preparation, and essential amendments will only lag increasingly behind the technological frontier.

Information will need to attain the status of a national park, rather than a top-security prison.

The unenforceable in pursuit of the uncatchable. Might not the intellectual and professional energies so enthusiastically building the buttresses, be better employed in clearing the obstructions that hamper progress? Such as the need for common standards and protocols; the high failure rate of computer systems: the awareness level of senior management, government support and co-ordination of research — to name but a few.

A serious debate is needed, at intellectual not technical level, to establish a strategy. A strategy which insists on the unshackling of information and which encourages the exploitation of the new resource for both commercial and social benefit. Are we to greet this information society as an opportunity or a threat?

● *The author is managing director of DBA Computer Consultants*



Apprentices, 1988-style: the system tries to incorporate the best of old and new training agreements

The old apprenticeship system returns — with improvements

By Sean Hallahan

For the last decade there have been constant complaints that the UK education system is not producing enough young people willing to be trained in technology.

One computer company has turned the clock back in its efforts to recruit staff and has introduced an apprenticeship scheme to attract people to the industry. Wigan-based Logitek found itself short of software and hardware engineers in its technical and services division and set out to rectify matters. The company's technical services division took on five apprentices last year and plans to take on five more during 1988.

The man who devised the scheme is Logitek's director of technical services, Jim Fagan, who himself was an apprentice in the electrical engineering field.

But Mr Fagan has modified the structure of the apprenticeship project. Under the old apprenticeship schemes the apprentice was bound to the employer for between seven and five years. The employer and the apprentice signed an agreement called indentures, under which both parties agreed to provide services to one another.

The employer undertook to teach the apprentice his trade while the apprentice worked under the supervision of the craftsmen. Strictly speaking, the only way in which the employer could dismiss his apprentice or the apprentice leave his employment was by a mutual termination of the indentures.

Mr Fagan said: "I wanted to take the good things out of apprenticeships. I felt that indentures were a restrictive practice for the person themselves and wanted to offer them such an attractive package that they would not want to leave the company.

"Because all the managers in our division have been through recognized apprenticeships, we wanted to adopt all the good things."



Jim Fagan: "Indentures a restrictive practice"

Logitek launched a pilot apprenticeship scheme about four years ago with two young men who have now become fully qualified engineers, one a field engineer, one a base-repair engineer. Both are still with the company.

Traditionally apprentices were taken on in their early teens before the school leaving age was raised to 16. But Mr Fagan is offering few restrictions on the age of his recruits. He draws the line at taking on an apprentice who is 40-plus.

Some of the restrictions of the old apprenticeship schemes have been done away with, but many of the postwar benefits have been retained. The apprentices get a day-release scheme which allows them to be taught at Wigan College of Technology.

The company is looking to build up a similar relationship with a college at Warrington which teaches software engineering as a part of its hardware-engineering course. The company also has a tie-up with the Engineering Industry Training Board, which assesses the work of the trainees as a back-up to Logitek's own assessment.

Internally the trainees go through a number of departments during the course of their apprenticeships.

Chips Olympiad gets under way

From Andrew Pollack in San Francisco

For many in the computer industry, the International Solid State Circuits Conference, which took place in San Fransisco, recently serves as an unofficial indicator of technological prowess. It is a place where engineers are let out of the back room to discuss the latest in the tiny silicon circuits that can do everything from perform millions of multiplications a second to draw pictures on a computer screen.

Sheridan Tatsuno, an analyst with Dataquest, a Californian market research firm, described it as "the Olympics of the semiconductor industry".

Chips discussed here often turn up as commercial products in about two years and are then incorporated into computers, video cassette recorders, compact disc players, radar and other electronic devices.

Toshiba, for instance, is discussing a video imaging chip, known as a charge-coupled device, that has a resolution of two million picture elements, or dots. Such a high resolution could allow video cameras to produce TV pictures with much greater clarity than today's pictures. A high-resolution chip, if it could be manufactured inexpensively, could also allow for the development of electronic still cameras that would record images on floppy discs as sharply as those produced on 35 mm models. Such electronic still cameras have not caught on yet, partly because resolution has not been good enough.

Three Japanese manufacturers — Matsushita Electric, Hitachi and Toshiba — will present papers describing dynamic random-access memories that can store 16 million pieces of information. The best chips now on the market can store only a million bits. The first 16-megabit dynamic random access memory was unveiled last year by the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone. Unlike the Nippon chip, the ones this year are small enough to eventually become practical.



All very well having flat screens, but what am I supposed to rest my coffee mug on?

BRIEFING

A British first for data mix 'n' match

■ Last week saw the launch of what is claimed to be the first "universal" data communications computer, capable of linking together non-compatible computers and their protocols.

Produced by the data networking division of Southampton-based HTEC, the Darwin System 5000 is based around a processor running Unix, with multiple input/output processors dealing with the applications-specific requirements through

Softlink, a proprietary operating system. More than 600 lines can be dealt with by a single System 5000 machine, which will link, say, Wang word processors to mainframes.

HTEC sees organizations which rely on a variety of different machines, such as finance houses and central and local government, as major customers of the system.

■ *Data & Computer Security* by Dennis Longley and Michael Shain, published by Macmillan, is an admirably clear guide to terms used in the increasingly complicated technology of keeping secrets secret.

Among its 3,500 entries are entries on topics as varied as Vigenere ciphers, invented in the 16th Century, to information theory and the RSA encryption system. So much of data security now depends on subtle and esoteric mathematics, and one of the most welcome features of the book is its use of examples, showing how the various systems work in practice.

Viruses, Trojan horses and even twits are given concise yet comprehensible definitions.



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■ How can a company decide whether it is worth investing in a particular type of information technology? The Institute of Chartered Accountants has produced guidance to help managers cut through the complexities of the decision.

Accountants hoping to find in the guidance a list of justifications for giving their proverbial "no" to technology investment will be disappointed. Andrew Oakley, chairman of the institute's IT group, said: "By emphasizing benefits as well as costs, this statement encourages businesses to take advantage of IT as a means of increasing profitability."

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TECHNOLOGY

Enter the androids

By Robert Matthews



John Rogers

Trevor Piper, a computer artist and creator of the robotic flute player

Robots hold a prominent place in most people's vision of the future. However, the typical robot now in use is far removed from the walking, talking mechanical slave usually conjured up by the word.

Androids, robots with human form, are being made, but engineers typically scoff at their abilities, and the demand for what they see as mere toys.

McAndroids, based in Camberwell, south London, aims to show that the engineers are wrong on both counts. The company was formed in 1984 by a number of art college graduates who worked for the Original Android Company; hence the name of their company: Son of Android.

They have since been joined by an engineer, and work on commissions primarily from television and the music world. They built an android keyboard player for a world tour by the Thompson Twins, inevitably dubbed "Tin Twin", and their most recent project has been the putting together of a robot orchestra. This is to be flown out to Taiwan to form part of the country's National Museum of Natural Science.

According to McAndroid's Richard Glassborow, the robots the company now builds are in many respects more sophisticated than those used in industry, capable of far more subtle movement. He says that androids, far from being amusing toys, are now becoming big business

Until now, entertainment technology has principally consisted of sound and light effects. Androids give literally an extra, third, dimension to that technology.

Mr Glassborow claims that, contrary to what many might think, a preponderance of arts-trained personnel is the secret to making successful androids. The reason is that they are more adept at isolating precisely what it is about the movement of androids that gives them the impression of being alive, and then enabling the engineer to construct the servo systems and all the rest to perform those movements.

For example, to give the android the impression of actively watching someone walking by, an engineer might simply make the head rotate. However, the impression is made far more realistic by getting the eyes to move very quickly, and the head to rotate relatively slowly, as people pass by.

Considerable computer power has to be employed to get the machines to work correctly, and for androids intended to work day in, day out for years in theme parks all over the world.

Small companies, such as McAndroids, are well-placed to win major contracts from the blossoming theme park industry in particular. But the biggest problem such companies are going to have, says Mr Glassborow, is finding engineers with the kind of offbeat, quasi-artistic talents needed to bring the mechanical men to life.

JVC ready to launch its new home-video

By Barry Fox

Later this year, JVC of Japan will launch a new version of the world-beating VHS home-video system.

Super VHS, or S-VHS, recorders will cost about 25 per cent more than existing VHS equipment, and give better picture quality. But S-VHS outstrips the potential of existing TV sets.

At first sight, this makes S-VHS look like a singularly pointless exercise. But there is method in the Japanese madness. S-VHS provides a recording format which is ready for the promised enhanced-definition TV services.



S-VHS will also provide video enthusiasts with a point-and-shoot recording medium which can stand up far better to the loss of quality.

After several copy generations, Standard VHS tapes start to give very fuzzy pictures. Edited video movies on S-VHS will end up looking as good as a standard VHS orginal.

The Japanese manufacturers like the idea of S-VHS because it could create a market for a new generation of TV sets. It also creates a market for high-quality, high-price blank S-VHS video tapes.

Some shops now sell three-hour standard VHS tapes, made by respectable firms for as little as £2.50, a quarter the price asked 10 years ago.

S-VHS is already on sale in the USA and Japan, where it represents 8 to 10 per cent of the market. In those countries the ordinary TV system based on 525 lines is NTSC – often known as Never Twice the Same Colour – and is poor compared to Europe's superior 625-line PAL, where the benefits of S-VHS will not be so dramatic.

But the situation will change as soon as direct broadcast satellites start using the new MAC system, for which no neat title has yet been devised. Though MAC pictures are still of 625-line structure, they are clearer because a completely different method of conveying the colour is used.

The best existing VHS machines record and reproduce pictures with horizontal resolution of around 250 lines. Confusingly, this much-quoted figure has nothing to do with the number of horizontal scanning lines which make up the picture. It is the number of vertical lines in a picture, like the posts of a fence, which a video or TV system can resolve without blurring one into the next.

Super-VHS improves line resolution to at least 400, which is better than all domestic television. So the full benefit of S-VHS,a much clearer picture with more fine detail, is seen only on an improved TV set with S-VHS tapes copied from 35 mm film or professional video.

Though standard VHS recordings and cassettes will play back perfectly well on an S-VHS recorder – without the improved quality – S-VHS recordings will not play back on a standard VHS machine. This lack of compatibility is the system's Achilles heel. If the film companies want to release pre-recorded programmes in S-VHS format, shops and libraries will need to stock two formats of each film.

Growing opportunities for a new career in construction

JOBSCENE

By Caroline Berman

It is difficult to find computer staff to work in the construction industry. People who want to work in areas of development and design usually look to financial systems. But there are plenty of jobs in development in the building industry.

The large building companies now use computers for much more than just accounts systems. Some are starting to use portable terminals on building sites, linked to computers at base. Others are in the process of thinking of completely new applications for computers in the building industry.

Martin Steele, recruitment consultant at Sloangate, said: "It's a growing area. It is not a dead end or an unchallenged job. There are new developments, and these will be developments from initiative, not developments copying other peoples' work."

There has been a particular growth in demand for computer staff from the building firms since the summer, with the leading building companies such as Wimpey, Laing, Costain and Higgs & Hill all looking for staff, according to Mr Steele.

Building firms are paying slightly above the going rate in order to attract systems analysts. Higgs & Hill recently offered senior analyst programmers £18,000 and programmers £13,000. A lot are offered cross-training, for example Higgs & Hill is training programmers from Cobol to 4GLs.

Barry Thomson, group information systems manager of building firm Costain admits that the building industry is very conservative, and is based on practice and procedure developed years ago so introducing computers is difficult.

But he is now involved in finding new areas to computerize. He said: "It's difficult to find areas where one can direct the development of systems to have a competitive advantage. Now our challenge is to find business activities where we can become more effective. A big challenge is finding ways of using computers to add value to the business."

Costain employs 18 computer support staff working on operating systems, communications systems and users' package programmes. There are also 12 development staff.

Building firms' high demand for computer staff

Mr Thomson is now looking for more business systems analysts. "Historically we have automated routine tasks like payroll, accounts and admin.," he said. "Now we are moving to computerizing the planning and management of the business. We need people with the skill of understanding business goals."

The construction company John Laing began a five-year investment programme in computing systems to improve the efficiency of the company in 1985.

"It was like a green field site. We are now using computers for a wide range of operations and are creating a common database for accounting, purchase order, payroll and marketing," said Philip Rees, chairman of John Laing Energy Engineering, Technology and Environment (ETE), which runs the computer division.

Laing now has an electronic office system linking 800 people and large building sites, giving them access to all the systems. It employs 150 staff in business computing and 75 at a subsidiary called Elstree Computing, which develops software for quantity surveyors, engineers and architects, both for internal use and for external sale.

"We are progressively developing computing software which can be used from the concept of the building, the design process and the quantity survey through to the building and even property maintenance when its complete.

Currently the odd software package is in place but the long term strategy is to have a common database," Mr Rees explained. The current constraint is the cost of computing power needed to store the complex drawings and data transmission costs.

Laing needs user support staff and systems programmers to help run the mainframe. However, there has been a trend over the last few years to employ more people to help the users and less to run the mainframe.

Mr Rees said: "The bulk of the increase in staff has been in software development and Laing is always on the look out for good people to recruit."

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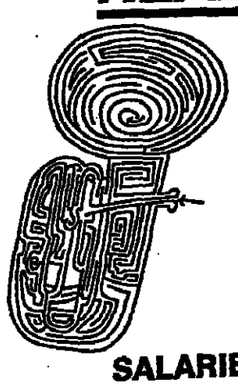
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE BRIGADIER/UNCLE MORT:** Peter Tinniswood's prejudiced and splenetic pair given faces and flesh by William Rushton, with Sam Kelly and David Adams in attendance. **Lyric Studio Theatre,** King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Preview tonight 8-10.15pm, opens tomorrow 7-9.15pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mat Sat 4-6.15pm, £5, until March 19.

☆ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** Better-than-average revenge thriller. Politely smiling Dinsdale Landen drags Jeremy Bulloch and Hilary Tindall over the coals. **Fortune Theatre,** Russell Street WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8-10.05pm, Sat 8.30-10.35pm, mats Wed 3-5.05pm and Sat 5.30-7.35pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **DIFFERENT GHOSTS:** Gary Stevens's surreal trag-comedy opens Homework '87, focusing on experimental British theatre. **ICA Theatre,** The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647). Tube: Piccadilly Circus/Charing Cross. Tues-Sat 8pm, £4.90.

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's comedy. **Globe Theatre,** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK (L'AIDE MEMOIRE):** Jean-Pierre Cassel and Jane Lapotaire represent order and chaos in Jean-Claude Carrière's first stage play; in English and French. **Theatre Artaud,** French Institute, 17 Queensberry Place SW7 (01-589 6211). Tube: South Kensington. French version Tues-Fri 8pm (except opening night Thurs 7pm), mat Sat 2.30pm. English version March 8-12, 8pm, mat Sat 2.30pm; £4.50-£10.50.

☆ **ON THE BLACK HILL:** Dramatization of Bruce Chatwin novel spanning four generations on a Welsh Border farm. **Watermans Arts Centre,** 40 High Street, Brentford, Middx (01-568 1176). Mon-Sat 8pm, £3.50-£4.50.

☆ **THE POSSIBILITIES:** Ten short plays by Howard Barker, ranging in setting from Biblical times to now. **Almeida Theatre,** Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Daily 8pm (except March 7 and 14), £4.50-£7.50.

★ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival. **Prince of Wales Theatre,** Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£20.

☆ **'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE:** Rupert Graves and Suzan Sylvester play the incestuous lovers in Ford's masterpiece of betrayal and revenge. **National Theatre (Olivier),** South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews tonight and tomorrow 7.15pm, £5.50-£12. Then in rep.

WORD-WATCHING

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VAPULATE
(b) To administer a flogging (to), by schoolboy howler mistranslation of the Latin *vapulare* to be thrashed, originally to cry out with pain, connected with the English *weep.*

GERFUL
(a) Wayward (also *gersful, gerie,* and *gerish*) from the Old English *gere* a sudden fit of passion, feeling, or transient fancy, origin obscure.

OLIO
(b) A stew made from many ingredients, also metaphorically a medley of musical pieces or literary passages, from the Spanish *olla* pot (later stew), and from the late Latin *olla* a jar.

ORSEL
(c) A short fishing line which carries a bait attached to a net, by aphaeresis from *norsel,* which is itself a corruption of nostel, which is probably from the medieval Latin *nastulus* a band or fillet.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** *Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216).* . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **Amadeus:** Renny Krupinski plays the jaundiced *Salieri in Shaffer's Mozart play.* **Belgrade Theatre,** Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £6.20-£4.50.

GLASGOW: ☆ **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof:** Eric Porter, Ian Charleson and Lindsay Duncan in sizzling National Theatre production. Second week of short northern tour. **Theatre Royal,** Hope Street (041 331 1234), Mon-Sat 7.15pm, mat Sat 2.15pm, £9.50-£3.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments: with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods and Denzel Washington as Steve Biko (158 min). **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.40. ☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.

■ **DRAGNET (PG):** Lavish attempt to parody the Fifties TV police series, with Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. Directed by Tom Mankiewicz (105 min). ☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, *3.45, 6.15, 8.45.* **Cannon Bayswater** (01-229 4149). Prgs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.30. **Cannon Edgware Road** (01-723 5901). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.30. ☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.

☎ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min). **Cannon Baker Street** (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10. **Cannon Bayswater** (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25. **Cannon Edgware Road** (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.20. ☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15. **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00. ☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.15, 7.00, 9.30. ☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.50, 6.10, 8.40.

■ **HOPE AND GLORY (15):** John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min). **Cannon Tottenham Court Road** (01-636 6148). Progs 1.20, 3.30, 5.55, 8.20.

THE LAST EMPEROR (15): Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model Communist citizen. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min). **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 12.15, 4.00, 7.45.

☎ **THE LOST BOYS (15):** Adolescent vampire teenagers. The young cast includes Jason Patric, Corey Haim and Jami Gertz; Joel Schumacher directs (97 min). ☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.40, 11.15.

■ **WISH YOU WERE HERE (15):** David Leland's poignant comedy about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a drab seaside town. Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd (92 min). **Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 6.25, 8.55. **Cannon Edgware Road** (01-723 5901). Progs 6.25, 8.40. **Cannon Royal** (01-930 6915). Progs 2.40, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35. ☎ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644). Prog 8.35. **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.40, 8.50.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min). **Cannon Piccadilly** (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.05, 5.35, 8.05.

WITHNAIL AND I (15): *Knockabout* British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E Grant. ☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **CARMINA CONCERT:** Haydn's Quartet Op 76 No 1 and Schumann's Quartet Op 41 No 3 are played by the famous Carmina Quartet. **Bishopsgate Hall,** 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844). 1.05-1.50pm, £1.50.

☆ **BIBBY/BIBBY:** Nicola Bibby and Alexandra Bibby, piano duettists, perform Schubert's moving Fantasy in F minor, Poulenc's cheeky Sonata, Ravel's suave Spanish Rhapsody and four Dvořák's Slavonic Dances. ***St Martin-in-the-Fields,*** *Trafalgar* Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930). 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **CHOPIN/DEBUSSY:** The "Two by Two" series of recitals transfers to the Festival Hall this week as *Fou Ts'ong presents* Chopin nocturnes, mazurkas, Barcarolle *Op 60, Polonaise-Fantasy Op 61,* Debussy's Berceuse Heroïque, Hommage à Haydn, D'un Cahier d'Esquisses. **Royal Festival Hall,** South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 1.10-1.55pm, £3.

EVENING

☆ **RARE JAPANESE:** The Tokyo Quartet, among the world's best, makes a rare visit to London, playing Mozart's Quartet K 421, Beethoven's Quartet Op 127 and Debussy's Quartet. **Wigmore Hall,** 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£7.50.

☆ **PITTMAN'S PROKOFIEV:** Richard Pittman conducts the RPO in Prokofiev's Symphony No 1 "Classical", Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody (Christian Blackshaw, piano) and Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade. **Royal Festival Hall,** South Bank, London Se1 (01-928 31919, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £5.50-£14.

☆ **HEAR HAMWEE:** The Academy of the London Mozarteum is conducted by Robert Hamwee in Haydn's Symphony No 85 "La Reine", Mozart's Piano Concertos K 271 and 595 with Pietro Rigacci as soloist. **St John's,** Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£8.



The bird catcher's visions

Jean Cocteau (1889-1963) signed the above pen and crayon drawing "Jean l'oiseleur": Jean the bird catcher. To Cocteau, birds were symbols of his fugitive thoughts and day-dreams; mental pictures that at this early stage in his career — 1925 — were habitually induced by smoking opium. This nervous drawing, one of 27 in an exhibition of his graphic works collected by Madame Lucie Weill, Secretary-General of *Des Amis de Jean Cocteau* from 1976 until just before her death in 1986, was made to illustrate his novel *Thomas L'Imposteur.* The exhibition covers 40 years of drawing from early, artificially stimulated examples like that illustrated here to the playful, humorous sketches dashed off towards the end of his life. Some of the more intriguing exhibits focus on the visions experienced by Cocteau as he tried to kick his opium habit. In one frenzied drawing the inside of a man's head is fixated on the pleasure of inhaling pipe smoke. A man of many other talents — poet, playwright, novelist and film maker — Cocteau made no grand claims for his painting and drawing, though exhibitions of them now generate considerable interest. The show starts tomorrow at Albemarle Gallery, 18 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-493 7968), Monday to Friday, 10am to 5.30pm, Saturday 11am to 1pm, free, until April 1. *David Lee*

☆ **CLARKE CLASSICS:** Raymond Clarke, the pianist, interprets three Busoni Sonatinas, three Delius Preludes, five Howard Ferguson Bagatelles, Ferguson's notable Sonata Op 8, six Berkeley Preludes and other pieces besides giving the world première of Alun Hoddinott's Sonata No 3. **British Music Information Centre,** *10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567),* 7.30pm, free.

☆ **TOVEY TIME:** Bramwell Tovey conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Mozart's Nozze di Figaro Overture, Handel's Water Music, Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez (Robert Brightmore, guitar) and Beethoven's Symphony No 6 "Pastoral". **Barbican Centre,** Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-*638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm,* £5.50-£12.50.

OPERA

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Opera 80's simple but effective travelling production, today conducted by Richard Ziegler. **The Playhouse,** Weston-super-Mare (0934 23521), 7.30-10.30pm, £4.80-£5.

☆ **BITTER SWEET:** Ian Judge's new production of Noel Coward's masterpiece continues its London run. **Sadler's Wells Theatre,** Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£18.50.

☆ **BILLY BUDD:** Tim Albery's important new production for *English National Opera of Britten's* masterpiece with cast led by Thomas Allen, Philip Langridge as Captain Vere and Richard Van Allan as Claggart. **Coliseum,** St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

ROCK

☆ **BOBBY WOMACK:** *The self-*styled "Last Soul Man" is back with his 12-piece band in a continuing effort to woo the British rock audience. **Hammersmith Odeon,** Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £7.50-£9.50, for three nights.

☆ **THE LEAVING TRAINS:** Hard-core rockers from California's notorious SST stable. Their name is taken from a Creedence Clearwater Revival song. **Sir George Robey,** 240 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (01-263 4581) 9pm, £3.

☆ **WISHBONE ASH:** The original line-up of Andy Powell, Ted Turner, Martin Turner and Steve Upton touring to promote their entertaining instrumental album, *Nouveau Calls.* **Gatehouse,** Eastgate Street, Stafford (0785 54653) 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **PAUL JOHNSON:** With a musical background in gospel and the church, and a counter-tenor voice of effortless range, he is the leading British contender in the soul giant stakes. **Ronnie Scott's,** 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 11pm and 1am (two shows), £8, nightly until Fri.

★ **THE POGUES:** Goofy Shane MacGowan and Co., entering the prime of a career which has already revised the course of contemporary folk. **Leeds University Union,** University Road (0532 439071) 8pm, £6.50.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**I Should Be So Lucky**	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
2	(2)	**Beat Dis**	Bomb the Bass, *Mister Ron*
3	(3)	**Get Outta my Dreams**	Billy Ocean, *Jive*
4	(9)	**Together Forever**	Rick Astley, *RCA*
5	(6)	**Suedehead**	Morrissey, *HMV*
6	(4)	**Tell it to my Heart**	Taylor Dayne, *Arista*
7	(14)	**Joe Le Taxi**	Vanessa Paradis, *FA Productions*
8	(8)	**Gimme Hope Jo'Anna**	Eddy Grant, *Ice*
9	(10)	**Doctorin' the House**	Coldcut, *Ahead of Our Time*
10	(5)	**I Think We're Alone Now**	Tiffany, *MCA*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Introducing the Hardline According to**	Terence Trent D'Arby, *CBS*
2	(2)	**Bridge of Spies**	T'Pau, *Siren*
3	(18)	**Give Me the Reason**	Luther Vandross, *Epic*
4	(3)	**Popped in Souled out**	Wet Wet Wet, *Precious Organization*
5	(8)	**Whenever You Need Somebody**	Rick Astley, *RCA*
6	(6)	**Turn Back the Clock**	Johnny Hates Jazz, *Virgin*
7	(5)	**Tiffany**	Tiffany, *MCA*
8	(4)	**Christians**	Christians, *Island*
9	(9)	**Bad**	Michael Jackson, *Epic*
10	(22)	**Hearsay**	Alexander O'Neal, *Tabu*

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JAZZ

☆ **TONY LEE:** A mainstream evening of selections for the Errol Garner repertoire. **Bull's Head,** 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £2.

☆ **BLOSSOM DEARIE:** Continuing her extended residency the chic US cabaret vocalist mixes acute Dave Frishberg humour with more staid material. **Pizza on the Park,** 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550) 9.15pm, *ring for prices.*

☆ **BIG JOE DUSKIN:** See caption. **100 Club,** Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933) 7.30pm, £5.



One of the outstanding practitioners of boogie-woogie piano, the American blues artist Big Joe Duskin (above) performs solo in London tonight (see listing). Featured on a recent *South Bank Show* documentary about the genre, he almost passed up a career as a musician due to family pressure. His father, a preacher, frowned on any flirtation with "the devil's music", and it was only after his death that Duskin felt free to pursue his vocation and become a rousing entertainer.

☆ **GEORGE BERGUNO:** Tasteful guitarist, improvising around Latin themes with the occasional cocktail diversion. **Mean Fiddler,** The Acoustic Room, 24/28 Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £3.

★ **COURTNEY PINE:** The saxophonist's recent London show suggested that the *Coltrane* influences are becoming even more pronounced. **The Dome,** Pavilion Grounds, Brighton (0273 674357) 7.30pm, £6.

DANCE

☆ **SEPTET:** Merce Cunningham's work to music by Satie given by Rambert Dance Company with Tetley's *Pierrot Lunaire* and two pieces by Richard Alston. **Repertory Theatre,** Broad Street, Birmingham (021 235 4455). Tonight and tomorrow 7.30-9.45pm, £4-8.50.

☆ ***NOW AND THEN:*** *Janet Smith's* latest ballet, inspired by children's games, and other recent works by her, Ann Dewey and Robert North. **Arts Theatre,** Peas Hill, Cambridge (0223 352000). Tonight 7.30-9.30pm, £6-£6.50.

☆ **COPPELIA:** Northern Ballet's staging of the traditional story transfers it to Lancashire. **Theatre Royal,** Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£8.

☆ **MOVING MOUNTAINS:** An unknown new dance company. **The Place,** Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

GALLERIES

THE NEW IN THE OLD: Drawings and models for Spencer Fung's award-winning architectural scheme for a *modern caravanserai* in Istanbul. **RIBA Gallery,** 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, free, until March 25.

POUL WEBB: Watercolour paintings of Florida's Art Deco architecture. **Francis Kyle Gallery,** 9 Maddox Street, London W1 (01-499 6870). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 11-5pm, free, until March 24.

MINEO AAYAMAGUCHI: *An* installation called Kaleidoscope comprising 25 television screens and assorted video equipment. **Institute of Contemporary Arts,** The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493), daily 12-8pm, 60p, until March 27.

POLLY HOPE: Vivid watercolours and gouaches based on a recent trip to Mexico. **Leinster Contemporary Art,** Business Design Centre, Upper Street, London N1 (01-288 6058). Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-2pm, free, until April 15.

THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES: Part one of a two-part show of American painting and sculpture, including works by Natkin, Warhol and Sam Francis. **Gimpel Fils,** 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488). Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until March 26.

STEWART HELM: *Paintings on* themes of death, disease and regeneration by a young figurative painter. **Carlile Gallery,** 341 Goswell Road, London EC1 (01-837 1639). Tues-Sat 11-6pm, Sun 12-4pm, free, until March 26.

PEOPLE AND ROOMS: This gallery's third exhibition of Victorian interiors and narrative pictures with pictures by Frank Holl and Byam Shaw. **Christopher Wood Gallery,** 15 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 9141), Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, free, until March 25.

ARTISTS USE PHOTOGRAPHY — TODAY: Works by 25 German artists including Dieter Hacker and Gerhard Richter. **John Hansard Gallery,** The University, Southampton (0703 559122), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, free, until April 9.

TALKS

HAVE WE A FUTURE?: Young Members lecture by Peter Waine, on the manufacturing industry's next steps. **Institution of Mechanical Engineers,** 1 Birdcage walk, Westminster, London SW1 (01-222 7899), 6pm, free.

CONSIDERING CUBISM: Lecture by John Nash on tradition and innovation in Cubist drawing. **Tate Gallery,** Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

LIFE IN THE WINGS: The theatre technician's view of the stage by Harry Pegg, ex-Piccadilly Theatre, and Tom Povey, ex-Prince of Wales Theatre. **Theatre Museum,** Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2330), 5pm, £2.

WALKS

INNS OF COURT — ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube, 11am, £2.50 (also March 8).

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (also next Tues).

1888s EAST END PUB AND MURDER WALK: meet Tower Hill tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

SPRING STAMPEX: Opening day of this major annual philatelic event with an Olympic theme. More than 150 stands with dealers, British and foreign post offices and the Stamp Bug Club for youngsters. Also displays by the British Offshore Islands, National Postal Museum, the Society of Olympic Collectors and the National Philatelic Society. **RHS Halls,** Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-828 0021). Today 12 noon-7pm, £3. Wed-Sat 10.30am-7pm. Sun 10.30am-6pm, £1.50 (child 75p), until March 6.

ROGER DEAN AND IAN MILLER: First day of an exhibition by two collaborating artists, both excellent draughtsmen, including drawings, sketches, air brush work, landscapes, architectural designs and models. **Brighton Museum and Art Gallery,** Church Street, Brighton (0273 603005). Tues-Sat 10am-5.45pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until March 27.

SISTER'S CHOICE AND ANTIQUE QUILTS: An exhibition of quilts and hangings made by five West Country quiltmakers plus some fine antique examples and demonstrations. **Devon Guild of Craftsmen,** Riverside Mill, Bovey Tracey, Devon (0626 832223). Daily 10am-5.30pm, free, until March 25.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BATH FESTIVAL: Booking opens today for festival on American theme, with George Crumb and Elliott Carter as composers in residence, and visits from Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Vermeer String Quartet, and Musicians of Swanne Alley. May 27-June 12. **Bath Festival Office,** Linley House, 1 Pierrepont Place, Bath (0225 63362/66411).

SOUTH BANK: General booking opens today for April, with Chelsea Opera Group in concert *performances of Lennox* Berkeley's *Nelson* to celebrate composer's 50th birthday; BBC Philharmonic performance of Messiaen's *Turangalila* symphony; and percussion spectacular with first British performance of Takemitsu work. **South Bank Concert Halls,** London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800).

MARGARET PRICE RECITAL: Telephone/personal booking now open for soprano's concert with *Geoffrey Parsons. April 5.* **Royal Opera House,** Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

LAST CHANCE

VICKY: First major retrospective of work of Hungarian cartoonist Victor Weisz (1913-66) with more than 80 cartoons, mounted in conjunction with Centre for Study of Cartoons and Caricature at Kent University. **National Portrait Gallery,** St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552). Ends Sun.

CHINA: One hundred photos from 200,000 images of China by Japanese photographer Hiroji Kubota, who spent six years exploring the country, capturing scenes never before seen by westerners. **Barbican Centre,** Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Ends Sun.

REBECCA: Final performances of Daphne du Maurier drama in production by John Dumin. **Everyman Theatre,** Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573). Ends Sat.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 01 638 8891/01 628 8795 Tom't 7.45 **PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** David Coleman (cond) Robert Brightmore (guitar) Prog inc Rodrigo Concerto de Aranjuez.

OPERA & BALLET

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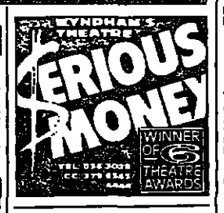
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6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.40** Ray Whitley in Rhythm Wranglers (b/w). **6.55** Weather **7.00** Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. **9.00** News and weather followed by *Open Air*. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. To contribute ring 061-814 0424 **9.20** Kilroy. *Does national pride have a place in multi-cultural Britain?* **10.00** News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with *programme news* and birthday greetings followed by Play School presented by Mike Amatt, Janet Palmer and Carol Chell, and The Wombles narrated by Bernard Cribbins (r). **10.55** Fire to Eleven. A reading by Elly Wilde **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air with Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes. **12.00** News and weather followed by Daytime Live presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. A special St David's Day edition from the valleys. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Edna and Dan finally make it up the aisle. **1.50** Going for Gold. **2.15** Knots Landing. St Claire threatens the life of Laura's children if she divulges anything about Apolume **3.00** Valerie. American domestic comedy series starring Valerie Harper **3.25** The Clothes Show. Patsy Kensit is dressed by Bruce Oldfield; Selina Scott talks to nine outward bound instructors at the National *Outdoor Centre*; and Kathy Staff, Dulcie Gray and Anna Wing discover what is available for the maturer woman. **3.50** Doodle. The first of a new cartoon series. **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (r). **4.15** *Jackanory*. Liza Goddard with two picture books written by Margaret Mahy *The Witch and the Cherry Tree* and *Jam* (r). **4.25** Yogi Bear (r). **4.30** The Really Wild Show. *Nature* series presented by Terry Nutkins, Nick Davies and Chris Packham **5.00** Newsround **5.10** Grange Hill. Episode 17 (of 20). (Ceefax) **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Sixt O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Holiday 88. Robert Kilroy-Silk reports from Bermuda; Bill Buckley visits the Shetland Isles; and Anne Gregg tastes taverna life in Corfu. (Ceefax) **7.30** EastEnders. Ian Beale *celebrates his 18th birthday by* trying to avoid someone; Den visits Angie in hospital and discovers that the doctors want to speak to him privately; and Wicksy receives comforting words from Lou. (Ceefax) **8.00** A Question of Sport. This week Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Jo Durie, Robert Jones, John Aldridge and Malcolm Pyrah. The questionmaster is David Coleman. **8.30** Wildlife on One: The Tale of the Pregnant Male. A documentary about the seahorse — the only animal on earth where the male becomes *pregnant* — filmed in Florida and Australia. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with *Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton*. Regional news and weather. **9.30** The Play on One: Airbase (Ceefax) (see Choice) **10.50** Film 88. *Barfly* is reviewed and Barry Norman chooses his video selection for March. **11.20** St David's Day Gala Concert from St David's Hall, Cardiff. With the BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes. **12.10am** Weather.

BBC2

6.55 *Open University:* Landscape — Bodmin and Dorset. Ends at **7.20.9.00** Ceefax. **9.20** Daytime on Two: technical and vocational education — does it *offer something for all* teachers? **9.52** The house in Tudor times **10.15** Part seven of a story about pigeon racing **10.38** What the Euro-tunnelers have learned from the *Brunel* family **11.00** The elements — water **11.18** Logo: turtle training **11.35** How racism affects black people's job prospects and their relations *with the police* **11.55** *The first of* four films for home economics students **12.20** Italy as seen through the eyes of a man from Alfa **12.50** The sixth of 15 Spanish for beginners series **1.20** For the young **1.38** Spain: Catalonia **2.00** News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds presented by Gary Wilmot. **2.15** *See Hear (r).* **2.40** Seabrook Down Under. Peter Seabrook continues his tour of New Zealand's famous gardens with a visit to those of Mrs Simpson, some 12 miles *from Christchurch on South* Island. **3.00** News and weather followed by Chronicle: Osmn Seti and Her Egypt. The story of Dorothy Eady who was convinced she had led a former existence as a priestess in ancient Egypt. Narrated by Erik de Mauny (r). **3.50** News, regional news and weather. **4.00** Catchword. Word game presented by Paul Coia. **4.30** Blind Adventure. Bob Whittaker joins a group of 12 blind men and women at the *Ullswater Outward Bound Centre in Cumbria* (first shown on BBC North West). **5.00** Favourite Things. Thora Hird talks to Russell Harty about the things that give her the most pleasure (r). **5.30** Gardeners' World (r). **6.00** One Man and His Dog. The first of a new eight-part series introduced by Phil Drabble *from the grazing slopes above* Derwent Water in the Lake District.



Rex Harrison: on BBC2, 9.00pm

6.45 Architecture at the Crossroads. Programme one in a series of ten films about *contemporary architecture examines the work of three* young architectural groups — Team Zoo from Tokyo; Arquitectonica from Miami; and Helmut Jahn from Chicago (r). **7.25** Telejournal presented by Klaus Römer and Claudia Kirst. Domestic and international *news as seen by viewers of West* Germany's second channel, ZDF. **8.00** Rolling Stone. A tribute to the American rock music magazine (r). **8.30** Food and Drink presented by Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jill Goolden. This week's edition includes the winner of the Super Cook competition and a good potato guide. **9.00** Film: The Agony and the Ecstasy (1965) starring Charlton *Heston Rex Harrison and* Diane Cilento. Drama about Michelangelo's four year task of painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Directed by Carol Reed. (Ceefax) **10.55** Newsnight includes a report from Peter Taylor in Pakistan on the problems facing the area after the Soviet Union withdraws from Afghanistan **11.40** Weather. **11.45** Open University: State and Society. Ends at **12.15am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with a cartoon followed, at **6.30** and **8.00**, parts one and two of Good Morning Britain. After Nine includes a discussion on anorexia. **9.25** Thames news. **9.30** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game. **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines. **10.30** The Time. . .The *Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a* discussion on a topical subject **11.10** Rainbow. Learning about music with the help of puppets **11.25** Thames news headlines. **11.30** About Britain: Weir's Way. Tom Weir visits Lerwick and the bird sanctuary on the Isle of Noss **12.00** Gas Street. Music and chat show presented by Vince Hill **12.30** *News with Julia Somerville* **12.50** Thames news. **1.00** What's My Line? Odd occupations quiz presented by Penelope Keith **1.30** Quincy. *The police pathologist* investigates a man who confesses to a murder he could not possibly have committed (r). **2.30** The Treatment. Can surgery help babies with Down's Syndrome? And is there a scientific answer to the phenomenon of love at first sight? **3.00** The Write Stuff. Literary series presented by Henry Kelly **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors **4.00** Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 11.10 **4.15** *The Moomins (r).* **4.25** Turn on to T-Bag. With Elizabeth Estensen **4.50** Do It. (Oracle) **5.15** Connections. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news followed by Crimestoppers. **6.25** Help with news for those affected by the Government's housing benefit changes. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Bless This House. Vintage domestic comedy series (r). **7.30** *Reporting London* includes a report on people from the North who are ripped off when looking for work in the South; and the GCSE exam — will it pass *its first test?*. **8.00** Minder: Senior Citizen Caine. Arthur comes to the aid of a recently-widowed garage owner who wants to spend his *money on wine, women and* song before his greedy family get their hands on it (r). **9.00** Shelley. Comedy series starring Hywel Bennett as an indolent graduate (r). **9.30** That's Love. Domestic comedy series starring Jimmy Mulville and Diana Hardcastle. (Oracle) **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Includes a *report from Michael Nicholson* who is in Vietnam with a former "boatperson" who has returned to pick up the son he left behind. **10.35** First Tuesday: The Fatal Factor. The story of two teenage haemophiliac brothers who have been infected with the Aids virus through their National Health treatment; Last of the Little Masters. A profile of 65-year-old Ivy James, the last lady-cutler left in Sheffield. **11.35** Snooker. The MIM Britannia British Open. **12.30am** Roxy — The Network Chart Show. **1.00** Kojak. The New York detective comes to the aid of a Yugoslav princess. **2.00** News headlines followed by Film: The Salamander (1981) starring Anthony Quinn. A political thriller, set in Italy, about the murder of a neo-fascist aristocrat. Directed by Peter Zinner. **4.00** News headlines followed by Three's Company. Comedy series. **4.30** Nashville Swing with Ron McDowall. **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 *Schools: how a television* newsroom might have handled the story of the sinking of the Titanic **9.47** Maths: connections producing number patterns and codes **10.04** A profile of writer Janni Howker and *dramatized extracts from her* short story Badger on the Barge **10.21** Social studies: marriage **10.43** The Cuban missile crisis of 1962 **11.05** The effect of darkness on people, plants and animals **11.22** Healthy foods **11.39** The elderly and the problems of homelessness among young people. **12.00** Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons. **12.30** Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for children — *Dangermouse, Make Music Fun and Simon in the Land of Chalk Drawings.* **1.00** Circuit Training. The third of five programmes linked to an Open College course about the *mysteries of electronics* (r). (Oracle) **1.30** Write On. Part eight of the 10-programme series on improving writing skills (r). (Oracle) **2.00** The Parliament Programme presented by Nicholas Woolley. Reporter Jackie Ashley reviews yesterday's debates and looks forward to those scheduled for today. **2.30** Snooker. *The opening matches* of the fifth round in the MIM Britannia British Open. The commentating team at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, are John Pulman, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds, Mark Wildman and Jim Meadowcroft **4.30** Fifteen-to-One. Fast moving general knowledge game presented by William G Stewart. **5.00** Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent. Today they visit Paris and upset a relation. **5.30** Superchamps. Heat five of the seven-programme series of land and watersport contests for boys and girls from eight- to 13-years of age. **6.00** Land of Hope. Episode two of the 10-part Australian drama focusing on the lives of one *Irish-Australian working class* family from the late 1800s to the 1970s. Starring Patrick Dickson, Maureen Green and Penelope Stewart. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Sue Carpenter. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather. **8.00** Brookside. Jimmy gets an idea and measures up the Corkhills' *garage; and Harry causes a* rumpus at the Commonwealth and Empire Club with his inaugural speech. (Oracle) **8.30** 4 What It's Worth introduced by Penny Junor. John Stoneborough finds a shopkeeper selling potentially lethal gas cookers and investigates why Britain has become a dumping ground for *Europe's dangerous gas* appliances; Bill Breckon questions education minister Angela Rumbold on the Government's Education Reform Bill and whether or not it will give parents more consumer choice; and David Stafford has *Which?* magazine's best buys in holiday insurance. **9.00** Film: Nurse (1980) starring Michael Learned and Robert Reed. A made-for-television drama about a recently widowed woman who returns to her career as a nurse in a large New York hospital. She diligently tends the patients but finds her self-confidence tested by the attitude of a staff surgeon. Directed by David Lowell Rich. **10.50** Don't Miss Wax. Fantasy is this week's theme and Ruby Wax's guests are designer Vivien Westwood, actress Elaine Stritch, and Shere Hite. **11.35** Sumo. Highlights of the *Autumn Sumo tournament* and the battle for the Emperor's Cup. **12.20am** Running Late. Is sport part of entertainment? Joining Donald Trefford to discuss this are Peter Ustinov, Benny Green, *Jonathan Irwin and John* Junkin **1.20** The Confessions of Felix Krull: Confidence Man. Episode three of the five-part dramatization of Thomas Mann's masterpiece. German dialogue with English subtitles (r). Ends at **2.20**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **8.30-9.00** Week in Week Out **9.30-10.00** Max...To the North of Kathmandu **10.10** Babylon Bypassed **11.25** Film **88** **11.55-12.00** News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman **4.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **6.30-8.00** Focal Point NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport **5.45-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **12.10am-12.15** News and weather ENGLAND: 8.25pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 7.25pm-7.30 News and weather **7.30** St David's Day Gala Concert **8.20-8.00** Brian McMaster: A Man of Two Cities NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.35pm-2.00 Ceefax

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00** Bygones **7.30** Roxy **8.00-8.30** Film: Our Miss Fred **12.30am** Prisoner Cell Block H **1.30** America's Top Ten **2.00** Return to Eden **3.00** The Forum Presents **4.00-5.00** Poseidon Files.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Love Boat **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **7.00** Roxy **7.30** Take the High Road **8.00-9.30** Film: Our Miss Fred **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Crazy Like a Fox **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughter **6.00-6.35** News **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-9.30** Film: Our Miss Fred **12.30am** Film: Perfect Friday **2.15** America's Top Ten **2.40** Superstars of Wrestling **3.35** Doneson 2000 **4.25-5.00** Central Jobfinder '88.

CHANNEL As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Wish You Were Here? **1.30** Country Practice **2.00** Gems **2.30** Real People **3.00** What's My Line? **3.30** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Channel Report **6.35** Horses for Courses **7.05** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.50pm News **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **5.15** Home Cookery Club **5.20-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** North Tonight **6.30** Take the High Road **7.00** Video Jukebox **7.30-8.00** Roxy **12.30am** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Love Boat **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30** Crossroads **7.00** Roxy **7.30** Cuckoo Waltz **8.00-9.30** Film: Our Miss Fred **12.30am** Film: Perfect Friday **2.15** America's Top Ten **2.45** Superstars of Wrestling **3.35** Power Hour **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Love Boat **6.00** News **6.45** Crossroads **7.30** Roxy **8.00-9.30** Film: Our Miss Fred **12.35am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.45 Wales at Six **8.00** One Thousand Voices **8.00-8.30** Breaking Wind **10.35** Images **11.05** First Tuesday **12.05am-12.35** Alfred Hatchcock Presents.

TSW As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Man in a Suitcase **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today **6.30** Blue Show **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-9.30** Film: Our Miss Fred (*Danny La Rue and Lance Percival*) **12.30am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Wish You Were Here? **1.30** Country Practice **2.00** Gems **3.00** What's My Line? **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **8.00** Coast to Coast **6.25** Police 5 **6.35** Horses for Courses **7.05** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Just for Laughs **1.05am** Donahue **2.05** Film: Five Desperate Women **3.25** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Beyond 2000 **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-9.30** Film: Our Miss Fred **12.30am** All Down to Experience **12.35-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime **3.30-4.00** Cover Story **6.00** Six Tonight **6.25-6.35** Ask Anne **7.00** Roxy **7.30-8.00** Head Start **12.25am** Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Highway to Heaven **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** Calendar **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-9.30** Film: Our Miss Fred **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Fifteen to One **1.00** Open College **2.00** Cyfwynyo'r Beibl Cymraeg Newydd **3.15** Snooker **4.10** Ffalabalam **4.30** Hafpc **5.00** *Bewitched* **5.30** Superchamps **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Cosby Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Awyr Iach **8.00** Stampau'r Dashlu **8.25** Neges Gwyl Ddewi Archesgob Cymru **8.40** Cymgerdd Mawredddog Dydd Gwyl Dewi **9.30** Bowen A'i Bartner **10.30** Cyflwyno'r Beibl Cymraeg Newydd **11.00** Black Forest Clinic **11.50** Sumo **12.35am** Closedown.



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World's fate in junkies' hands

TELEVISION CHOICE

● The theme of Malcolm McKay's Play on One, Airbase (BBC1, 9.30pm) is that the experience of living *on the edge of a nuclear war* tends to drive those involved round the twist. Stanley Kubrick made much the same point 25 years ago in his movie, *Dr Strangelove*, but whereas Kubrick developed the idea as black comedy, McKay's piece hurtles towards melodrama. It also uses the subject to develop an anti-American bias, depicting the obliteration of "Ivan" — shorthand for the Soviet Union — as an obsessive crusade for the greater glory of the Stars and Stripes. Perhaps it is, but one of the merits of *Dr Strangelove* was that the *Russians got lampooned as* well. Originally a theatre piece, first at RADA and then presented professionally with Greta Scacchi, *Airbase* clearly signals its origins. Despite the attempts of lighting and camerawork to suggest the contrary, this is basically a conventional one-set drama. The setting is the underground *workshop of a US Air Force* base somewhere in Britain, where the pilots of the F-111 bombers wait in a state of barely suppressed hysteria for the nuclear button to be pressed. They gamble and sink Bourbon and if this was not enough to ease the tension, they are also pumping their veins full of heroin. A woman officer who enters this all-male world as an innocent starts by being appalled but is soon reaching for the needle herself. As anti-nuclear rhetoric, *Airbase* is suitably horrifying. The prospect of World War III is dreadful *enough, without entrusting its* execution to a bunch of junkies. As drama, despite a clutch of strong performances, it is not always coherent and even the most attentive viewer may be hard pushed to decide exactly what is going on.

Peter Waymark

The inside story

RADIO CHOICE

● **The Tyburn Nuns** (Radio 4, 8.30pm) is the outcome of Julie Jones's respectful venturing behind the cowls of a London-based community of women who have quit what the rest of us call the real world. They, of course, see it differently, and they seek to explain why their lives of eucharistic veneration are not an escape *from* but an escape *into*. There is a refreshing *matter-of-factness about* much of their spiritual philosophising. One nun, for instance, insisting that nothing is impossible with God, says that if He likes to "bide himself in a small, white, Host, He is quite capable of doing it." There is the postulant who admits to finding the Scriptures "a bit boring — people chopping off other peoples' heads." And, characteristic of the wry hum*our that creeps into these* declarations by women who have moved from a life lived at the emotional level to one based entirely on faith is the story of the Australian nun who says that one of the reasons she entered the cloistered life was that she did not like travelling. The saint's name she was given was that of a much-travelled man whose reluctance to roam was not helped by the fact that he was always sea-sick.



Brian Bovell: in Radio 3 drama at 9.40pm

● **Tickertape and V-Signs** (Radio 3, 9.40pm) is Peter Cox's play about the effect of the Falklands experience on a black squaddy (Brian Bovell) and his nurse mother (Carmen Munroe). It is both an ugly play and a tender one and is memorably realistic at both levels.

Peter Davalle

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Radio 1

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Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1) *Sports Round-Up* **8.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Charles Nove **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian *Love* **5.05** *John Dunn* **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz (9) 'G' **7.30** Steve Race presents Radio Orchetra Show **9.25** Louis Armstrong (Dave Gelly salutes a distinguished career) **10.00** The Impressionists **10.30** Dealing with Daniels **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT **6.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** *Unclaimed Promise* **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Best on Record **9.00** News **9.05** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Capriccio **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Sports *International* **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.25** Letter from Scotland **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Virtuoso **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Scotland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.09** Twenty-four Hours **6.25** *Live Relay:* Beethoven Piano Concerto No 4 **9.00** News **9.01** Byron Readings **9.10** Turning Over New Leaves **9.15** International Recital **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Scotland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Juke Box Jury **11.30** Airports — The Dangerous Side of Flying **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Chain Reaction **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: 17th Century Popular Art. **6.55** News **7.00** Concert: Beethoven (*Rondino in E flat for two oboes, two clarinets, two* horns and two bassoons (London Wind Soloists). Mendelssohn (Capriccio brillant in B minor. Op 22: Stuttgart RSO under *Atzmon, with Cristina Ortiz,* piano). Strauss (Emperor Waltz: Vienna PO under Boskovsky) **7.30** News **7.35** Concert (contd): Telemann (Paris Quartet in E minor: Quadro Amsterdam). Prokofiev (Lieutenant Kijé suite: LPO under Tennstedt). Henze (Telemanniana suite: Berlin RSO) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Schubert. Stabat Mater, D 176 (Bavarian Radio Chorus and SO). Rastlose Liebe, D 138, and Heidenröslein, D 257 (Janet Baker). Symphony No 3 (RPO under Beecham). Singspiel in one act: Fernando (Austrian RSO with soloists Sima, Mathis, Hopfner and Holl **9.35** Clarinet and piano: Michael Collins with Kathryn Scott. Arthur Benjamin (Le Tombeau de Ravel). **10.20** Mozart: Berlin Philharmonic under Karajan play the Divertimento in D, K 334 **11.00** De profundis: Kurt Moll and Harald Stamm (basses), with Cord Garben (piano). Works by Mendelssohn *(including Ich wollt' meine* Lieb', Op 63 No 1), Loewe (including Meeresleuchten, and Im Sturme), and Dvorak (including Jabiko, Op 38 No 2) **11.30** Othmar Schoeck: Medici String Quartet play the Quartet No 2 **12.05** BBC Welsh SO under James Loughran. With John *Lill (piano). Schubert* (Rosamunde overture), Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1) **1.00** News **1.05** Psalms and Canticles: BBC Northern Singers, with Alastair Ross (organ) perform works by, inter alia, Britten, Howells, Rebecca Clarke, and Berkeley **1.55** French Piano Duets: Isabel *Beyer and Harvey Dagul* play Alkan's Trois marches, Op 40; Saint-Saens's Duettino, Op 11; and Koechlin's Suite, Op 19 **2.45** Brahms and his Contemporaries: recordings of Brahms's Trio in A minor, Op 114 (Consortium Classicum). Jensen's Leis' rudern hier, mein Gondolier,



Alfred Brendel: Radio 3 concert, at 7.30pm

etc (Rolfe Johnson, tenor, and Graham Johnson, piano), Reinecke's Flute Concerto in D (Nicolet with Leipzig Gewandhaus). Robert Franz works including Bitte, Op 9 No 3 (Fischer-Dieskau, baritone). Rheinberger's Theme and *variations, suite 149* (Williams, Green, and Lindley). Brahms works including O komme holde Sommernacht (Jessye Norman, with Parsons, piano), Kiel's Piano Trio in A, Op 22 (Consortium Classicum), and Brahms's Serenade No 2 in A (Little Orchestra Society) **5.00** *Mainly for Pleasure: with* Graham Fawcett **6.30** Scots Ballads: introduced by John Purser **7.00** News **7.05** Third Ear: Poet Peter Reading is interviewed **7.30** City of Birmingham SO under Rattle, with Alfred Brendel (piano).Stravinsky (Petrushka), Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4), Lutoslawski (Symphony No 3). **9.40** Tickertape and V-Signs: play by Peter Cox. With Brian Bovell, Carmen Munroe and Stephen Tompkinson (see Choice) **10.25** Psalms of Penitence: Consort of Musicke perform settings of Psalm 37 by Croce, Franck and Andrea *Gabrieli* **11.00** Composers of the Week: recordings of John Ireland's Violin Sonata No 2; Mal-Dun symphonic rhapsody; and Songs, sacred and profane **12.00** News **12.05** Wolf 88: Elisabeth Schwarkopf and Gerald Moore perform Bei einer Trauung. Until **12.10**

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News bulletin **9.05** Call Nick Ross: the number to dial is 01-580 4411 **10.00** News; Medicine Now: presented by Geoff Watts **10.30** Morning Story: Down on the Farm, written and read by Peter France **10.45** Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 105 **11.00** News; Travel; Citizens (first of this week's two episodes of There's Always Another Story) **11.25** From Our Own Correspondent: reports from BBC reporters based overseas **11.50** Nine Encounters in Australia: Daniel Snowman talks to writer and broadcaster John Merson *about Australia's* connections with the South East Asian economic community **12.00** News; You and Yours: with Susan Rae **12.25** My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game with John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden **12.55** Weather **1.00** *The World At One* **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: On St David's Day, this edition comes from Cardiff. It includes a celebration (by Professor Gwyn Alf Williams) of the women in Celtic legends. And Caroline John reads a story by Deborah Moggach — Some *Day My Price Will Come* **3.00** News; Old Friends: Play by Rob Gittins, with Brian Glover and Howard Goorney. What happens when the wife of one of two veteran football fans comes us with something rather special (s) **3.32** Comparing Notes: Richard Baker in conversation with *Philharmonia Chorus* member Paul Jennings, and Huddersfield Choral Society Chorusmaster Brian Kay **4.00** News bulletin **4.05** The Local Network: Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with local radio stations around the country to investigate what the *introduction of new* technology means for Britain's lighthouses **4.30** *Kaleidoscope:* includes comment on the film Babette's Feast; the Actors Touring Company production of Princess Ivona; and a report on an inter-racial arts programme in the city of Bradford (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News, incl Financial Report **6.30** King Street Junior school comedy series by Jim Eldridge, starring Karl Howman and James Grout (3) **7.00** News bulletin **7.05** The Archers **7.20** File on 4: Michael Robinson presents the first of two special reports on the National Health Service and its future **8.00** The Radio Programme (new series): Laurie Taylor returns with comment on radio and its programmes **8.30** The Tyburn Nuns: Julie *Jones visits a religious* community based in Marble Arch which maintains a life of prayer and silent worship to discover what draws young women there (see Choice) (r) **9.15** In Touch: magazine for the visually handicapped **9.45** Kaleidoscope: topics include new recordings of the Verdi *Requiem, and the Thomas* Cook Awards for Travel Writing **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: First of four stories by Frank Tuohy: The Palladian Bridge, read by Patrick Malahide **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather **FM** as above except: **11.05am-12.00** For Schools **11.00-12.00** For Schools **11.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind (Stories) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** History Lost and Found **2.25** Mainstream GCSE **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University **11.30** Irony and 'Tom Jones' **11.50** Arts Review: *The Dean's Report* **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time: Reading Corner: Computer-Assisted Learning

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m;VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 198kHz/ 1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m; VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m; VHF94.9. **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

Missiles for IRA 'shipped from Libya'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

An 150-ton shipment of arms and ammunition, including surface-to-air missiles was smuggled from Libya to the Provisional IRA to boost their terrorist campaign before last year's seizure off the French coast of a similar-sized cargo of weapons.

Four boatloads of Libyan armaments were successfully shipped into the Irish Republic and hidden across the island in the two years before French customs officials seized the Panamanian-registered trawler, Eksund, off the coast of Finisterre last October.

The huge caches of assault rifles, machine guns, ammunition and explosives included a number of Sam7 missiles capable of hitting an aircraft from two miles.

Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable of the RUC, said last night: "There are many tons of weaponry which have been fairly accurately identified. I have a very deep concern and I am satisfied that neither the North or South can rest until these arms have been recovered."

Asked on the BBC *Panorama* programme about four arms consignments, said to total about 150 tons, which were smuggled into the Irish Republic prior to the capture of the Eksund, Sir John said: "I have no reason to disagree with that." The Chief Constable said that he had no doubt the weapons, arms and surface to air missiles existed. "I believe tham to be within this island. As to where they are precisely, there is an element of doubt about that."

The programme outlined a massive Provisional IRA arms-smuggling operation involving three different boats transporting Libyan-supplied arms to the isolated Clogga strand, near Arklow, Co Wicklow. The programme claimed that Mr Adrian Hopkins, now in custody in France after being arrested on board the Eksund, was involved in four previous gun-running operations in 1985 and 1986. He had been told by the Provisional IRA, the programme said, to find suitable ships and deliver them to Malta which was the base for gun running.

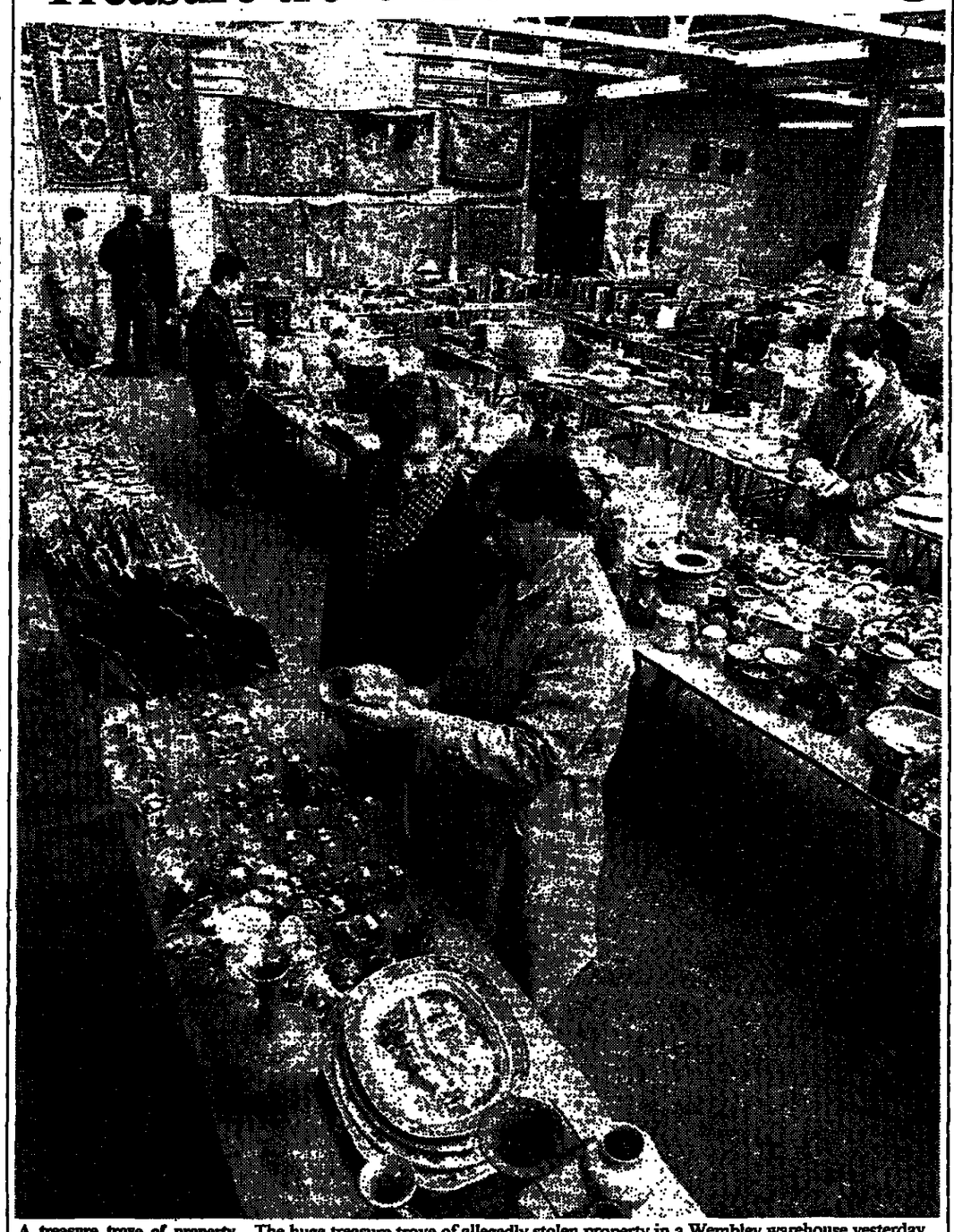
The programme alleged that twice in 1985 and once in 1986, Mr Hopkins was involved in operations in which Libyan weapons were loaded on to the converted fishing vessel Kula, off Malta and Gozo, and brought ashore by dinghies at Clogga. It said he bought a larger boat, the £45,000 Villa, for a fourth consignment of 105 tons.

The amount of weaponry that the programme claimed had reached the Provisional IRA is the reason the Irish Republic launched a country-wide search by 8,000 police just three weeks after the arrest of Mr Hopkins and four crewmen on the Eksund. Two of the men in custody are understood to have given statements detailing IRA gun-running.

Launching the search, Mr Gerry Collins, the Minister for Justice, said: "There are reasons for believing that other cargoes of similar arms may have been landed here. Their combined tonnage may have exceeded that aboard the Eksund."

On *Panorama* last night a former Commander Land Forces Northern Ireland, General Sir James Glover, said that the Provisional IRA were not just mindless hoodlums and hooligans. "They do have in their midst some astute, highly intelligent, very professional terrorists," he said.

Treasure trove of one man's stealing



A treasure trove of property said by police to have been stolen by one man and found at a London address went on public display in a Wembley warehouse yesterday.

Police found 2,500 items at the address in Southfields after a man failed to appear in court on a shoplifting charge.

Staff at the Victoria and Albert Museum have authenticated five works stolen from them, but have not yet had them returned because they will be used in evidence.

The items on show in Wembley for the benefit of members of the public — presumed mainly to be art dealers, as the thefts were said to be by a specialist shoplifter rather than a burglar — include hundreds of bottles of champagne; tea pots by the dozen; a clutch of Ali Baba jars; tall urns with ceramic foliage piled high; umbrellas with exotic handles; paintings, many resembling those found on the railings at Hyde Park; statues; and, along the centre table, a row of bronze figures.

The items are on show for a month, from 9am to 5pm, and anyone wishing to view them should call Chelsea police on 01-741 6183.

The huge treasure trove of allegedly stolen property in a Wembley warehouse yesterday.



Sergeant Chris Jones holding a firedog stolen from the V & A. Right, the champagne haul.

Commons sketch

Massaged by the 'Welsh sadistics'

During Welsh Questions, Mr Roy Hughes (Labour, Newport East) condemned the Government for what sounded like their "massaging of the sadistics". It was an apt complaint on a day awash with aggression.

Mr Peter Walker used to have the reputation of a soft-spoken, half-hearted wet, but ever since loitering unintentionally into the Welsh Parlour he has been a changed man. Off with his gentle diction, off with his courteous airs, off with his giving and taking: naked aggression lies quivering beneath.

Massaged by Welsh sadistics, Mr Walker now shouts louder than any of his fellow Ministers, barking insults at even the meekest questioner. In years past, lilting Welsh Labour members were happy to chant the odd hymn of protest across the valley of the Commons and then sit awhile as it softly echoed back. But now that pleasant echo has been replaced by a klaxon, a burglar alarm, a massed choir of football rattles, and all from the mouth of Mr Walker.

"In the long history of Shadow ministers of Wales", said Mr Walker after Mr Alan Williams had neglected to praise Tory achievements in the principality, "there can't be a worse one than the present incumbent". He keeps such insults running throughout his stints at the despatch box, lashing out at anyone who mutters about an altered bus route or claims that they have met someone who is out of a job.

Once Mr Walker had come grinning out of his sadistic session, everyone was wanting a go, and they didn't care who they practised on. No one could be milder and less worthy of a whipping than Mr Michael Alison, who is allowed five minutes every second week to stand up and answer questions for the Church Commissioners. In a more just world, Mr Alison would not be a Member of Parliament at all, but something rather more gentlemanly and less strenuous, like a disc-jockey on Radio 3 or the Poetry Adviser to Radio 1. But there he is, and, for those five minutes, he does a sterling job, defending the Church against all brands of jackanape who would see it crumble.

The first sadistic to request a massage was Mr Graham Allen (Labour, Nottingham North). He wondered if Mr Alison was aware of the outrage among the clergy in Nottingham at the prospect of the Poll Tax. Would they be exempted? As always, Mr Alison had words of reassurance. It was unlikely, he felt, that they would have to pay the poll tax. With three and a half minutes still to go, up stood Mr Eric Forth, the Conservative Member for Mid Worcestershire.

With close-cropped black hair, a terrible tendency towards watch-chains and a seriously lean visage, Mr Forth bears a remarkable resemblance to a member of the Munster Family. Perhaps he has been banned from inclusion in their popular TV series on the grounds that he looks too frightening. But he makes up for this disappointment by regularly terrorising the dark Chamber of the House of Commons.

Mr Forth did not like the sound of what Mr Alison had said. The clergy, he said, had the vote and used all the services. Why, then, should they not make the same contribution as everyone else? With that he sat down, his thoughts returning, perhaps, to exactly how he would like his cleric cooked for dinner. Reassuring as always, Mr Alison told him that poll tax would be paid, but probably by the Church Commissioners and not by the clergy themselves.

But having slid that stake ever so gently into Mr Forth's heart, Mr Alison found himself confronted by yet another lean devil from the Labour benches. Still loyal to his current fetish, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours hoped Mr Alison would upbraid the Secretary of State for Agriculture, Mr Selwyn Gummer, for constantly "bellyaching and knocking the church and the bishops". Poor Mr Alison was not a man born to upbraid. If ever he spoke to Mr Gummer, he replied, he thought he would have to talk about mangel-wurzels. So saying, he proved that it is not only sadistics which can lie.

Craig Brown

Mitterrand heads for summit clash

By Philip Jacobson in Paris and Michael Evans

In a carefully timed intervention on the eve of the Nato summit in Brussels, President Mitterrand of France has revealed his opposition to *modernization plans* for the Western alliance's short-range nuclear arsenal.

Arguing that European security is better served by continued disarmament, M Mitterrand has set the scene for a potentially serious clash with Mrs Thatcher.

Since she makes no secret of her view — shared by the United States — that the alliance's nuclear credibility depends on acquisition of new battlefield weapons, there will be no sympathy on the British side of the table for his claim that such modernization of weapons would be "paradoxical and inopportune".

But President Mitterrand's personal intervention in the short-range missile argument caused some astonishment in senior Nato circles. One source said that in the talks between officials drawing up the draft text of the summit communiqué the French had raised no objection to *mentioning modernization*.

Moreover, the French are busily engaged in modernizing their own tactical surface-to-surface nuclear missile, the Pluton. The new weapon, the Hades, will have a substantially greater range than the Pluton. Senior diplomatic sources also pointed out that since France was not part of the integrated Nato military structure, President Mitterrand's views would not have an important impact on Nato thinking on the subject.

However, his decision to raise the short-range missile issue emphasized how sensitive it has now become. Sources say the word "modernization" has now even been deleted from the communiqué text.

France alarmed, page 7

Prescriptions anger

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outs the Chancellor of the Exchequer should the money he had available to fund a "*decent*" *health service*.

Dentists condemned the 33 per cent increase in maximum dental charges. They described the £150 ceiling fee as "exhorbitant."

Mr Alan Smith, chief executive of the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, said: "People are commonly prescribed three or four items for an illness which will now mean paying out over £10".

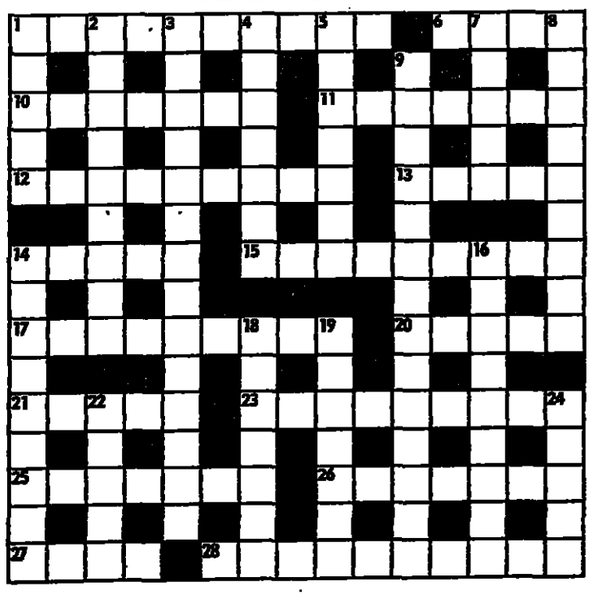
"An increasing number of patients are now asking which are the two most important items and then leaving the rest."

The 8.3 per cent increase was not justified by increased costs, he said. Pharmacy costs had only risen by 5.3 per cent in the past year and drug costs had increased by 6 per cent.

The National Union of Public Employees said that it was a national scandal that the Government was responsible for a 1,200 per cent increase in prescription charges since 1979.

"Extra tax on sickness is another step towards the Tories' two-tier health system", Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, its general secretary, said.

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ACROSS

1 Cat-o'-nine-tails for the last in a race? (10).
6 We hear one of the Jones boys is to lose appeal (4).
10 I'm growing yellow — sovereign remedy in drawing blood (7).
11 Chafe retrospectively, getting intelligence of Arab cover (7).
12 Overall, suitable for rough garden use (9).
13 Exceed limit — the upper (5).
14 Boy accepts love-song (5).
15 How prices rise, especially evident in November (3-6).
17 High-flown projectile — a series of them almost (9).
20 Realize double (5).
21 Instigator of rising is still, since captured (5).
23 Smacking for enjoying food — (9).
25 See no end of paper (7).
26 I follow order to blockade Soviet port — such Japanese craft (7).
27 Alien touched sodium — it erupted (4).
28 Chance group of soldiers (10).

DOWN

1 Idea thus fully-developed? Really hot! (5).
2 Study German and meet the odd puzzle (9).
3 Boy and teacher meet at its start (10,4).
4 Make another record? Banish the thought! (7).
5 In a mission from the English, my voice is included (7).
7 Came to light in the identity of Gertrude Stein (5).
8 Hold out, then abandon desperate resistance here (4,5).
9 One final short sob is in order (7,7).
14 Retreat for boy in uniform in position to hold the flag? (5-4).
16 Set it up to watch a bird (9).
18 *Electric ray that can sink a ship* (7).
19 Cricket's first team dismissed, in attempt to get the strike (4,3).
22 Crime in a malicious light (5).
24 It was advantageous for Mill to get right into substance of argument (5).

Concise crossword, page 10

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

VAPULATE
a. Tasteless
b. To flog
c. To steam felt hats

GERFUL
a. Changeable
b. Gay
c. The desert jerboa

OLIO
a. Ithacan salad dressing
b. A stew
c. A gouache

ORSEL
a. The wild pony of Ecuador
b. To interrupt continually
c. A fishing line

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,604

H	A	R	R	Y		M	I	S	G	I	V	I	N	G
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WEATHER

South-west and southern parts of Britain will start cloudy with outbreaks of sleet or snow before it brightens. The whole of Britain will then see sunny spells and occasional snow showers. Many inland parts will see few showers, but along the east coast showers will be frequent and heavy at times, spreading inland later. It will be very cold again, with frost early and late. Outlook: snowy, then milder.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	11	52	f	Madrid	9	48	s
Alicante	14	57	c	Majorca	13	55	f
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Malaga	13	55	s
Algiers	15	59	s	Malt'me	21	70	s
Amst'dm	4	39	r	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Athens	14	57	s	Miami*	23	73	s
Barcelna	10	50	s	Montreal*	-4	25	s
Belgrade	4	39	f	Moscow	-9	16	sn
Berlin	1	34	sn	Munich	-1	30	sn
Bermuda*	18	64	c	Nairobi	27	81	f
Biarritz	7	45	c	N Delhi	23	73	s
Borde'x	5	41	c	N York*	3	37	s
Budapst	3	37	c	Paris	3	37	c
B Aires*	29	84	f	Peking	3	37	s
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Perth	29	84	s
C'blanca	14	57	f	Reykjvik	4	39	d
Chicago*	5	41	s	Rhodes	15	59	f
Ch'church	17	63	s	Rio de J	30	86	s
C'phgn	0	32	sn	Rome	11	52	c
Corfu	10	50	f	Salzburg	1	34	sn
Dublin	5	41	f	S Frisco*	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	8	46	c	Santiago*	29	84	s
Florence	8	46	c	Seoul	5	41	c
Frankfurt	2	36	sn	Sing'por	33	91	f
Geneva	2	36	c	St'kholm	-4	25	sn
Gibraltar	12	54	c	Strasb'rg	5	41	f
Helsinki	-7	19	sn	Tangier	14	57	f
Hong K	16	61	d	Tel aviv	17	63	c
Innsbruck	4	39	c	Tenerife	15	59	c
Istanbul	11	52	s	Tokyo	9	48	c
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	-1	30	s
Karachi	26	79	s	Valencia	15	59	s
L Palmas	13	55	r	Vanc'ver*	9	48	s
Le Touq't	4	39	c	Vienna	2	36	s
Lisbon	10	50	s	Warsaw	1	34	sn
Locarno	10	50	s	Wash'ton*	3	37	c
L Angels*	16	61	c	Wel'nton	18	64	s
Luxembg	2	34	sn	Zurich	0	32	sn

* denotesSunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.2	.02	7	45	sunny
Cromer	3.2	-	7	45	gales
Lowestoft	2.9	.04	8	46	shower
Clacton	1.3	.07	9	48	bright
Southend	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Folkestone	0.5	.04	9	48	shower
Hastings	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Brighton	2.3	-	9	48	bright
Worthing	5.2	-	10	50	bright
Bognor R	5.5	-	10	50	bright
Southsea	4.6	-	10	50	bright
Sandown	3.3	-	10	50	bright
Bournemth	5.6	-	11	52	bright
Poole	7.3	-	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	7.8	-	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	7.7	-	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	9.7	-	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.0	-	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	5.1	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	5.3	-	10	50	bright
B'pool Airpt	7.9	-	8	46	sunny
Morecambe	7.8	-	9	48	sunny
Douglas	-	.01	8	46	sunny
B'ham Airpt	0.8	-	8	46	cloudy
Bristol (Cnt)	8.2	-	12	54	sunny
Carlisle	4.0	-	10	50	bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.2	-	8	46	hail
Nottingham	5.7	.01	9	48	shower
Cardiff (Cnt)	8.8	-	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	1.8	.11	4	39	snow
Edinburgh	2.3	-	8	46	shower
Glasgow	7.8	-	9	48	sunny
Prestwick	6.5	-	8	46	shower
Stornoway	1.4	.05	6	43	shower
Wick	4.2	.07	5	41	shower
Belfast	3.0	.02	8	46	hailpm

* Denotes figures not available
These are Sunday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.31	6.2	1.00	6.5
Aberdeen	12.18	3.6	12.18	3.7
Avonmouth	6.01	11.4	6.27	11.6
Belfast	9.53	3.2	10.26	3.0
Cardiff	5.48	10.6	6.12	10.8
Devonport	4.35	4.8	5.06	4.7
Dover	10.19	5.7	10.24	6.0
Falmouth	4.05	4.6	4.35	4.5
Glasgow	11.37	4.5	—	—
Harwich	10.54	3.6	11.08	3.5
Holyhead	9.27	5.0	9.48	4.9
Hull	5.22	6.2	5.30	6.6
Ilfracombe	4.57	8.0	5.19	8.1
Leith	1.34	4.8	1.53	4.9
Liverpool	10.16	8.4	10.37	8.4
Lowestoft	8.58	2.1	8.39	2.2
Margate	11.20	4.2	11.22	4.2
Milford Haven	5.13	6.1	5.33	6.1
Newquay	4.05	6.2	4.24	6.2
Oban	5.04	3.5	5.22	3.5
Penzance	3.38	4.8	4.04	4.7
Portland	5.39	1.8	5.24	1.6
Portsmouth	10.26	4.0	10.58	4.2
Shoreham	10.13	5.4	10.41	5.7
Southampton	10.00	3.9	10.30	4.1
Swansea	5.18	8.1	5.42	8.2
Tees	2.42	4.6	2.49	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	10.51	3.7	11.02	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

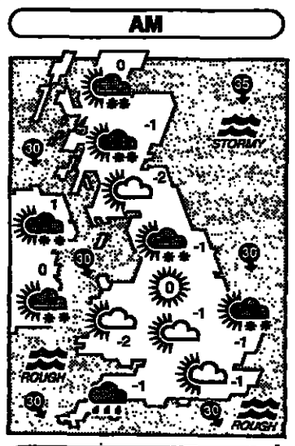
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.555	2.415
Austria Sch	21.75	20.55
Belgium Fr	64.80	61.80
Canada $	2.33	2.21
Denmark Kr	11.88	11.28
Finland Mkk	7.56	7.16
France Fr	10.45	9.95
Germany Dm	3.105	2.945
Greece Dr	252	232
Hong Kong $	14.25	13.55
Ireland Pt	1.169	1.109
Italy Lire	2280	2170
Japan Yen	238	226
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.31
Norway Kr	11.71	11.11
Portugal Esc	253	240
South Africa Rd	3.95	3.45
Spain Pta	208.60	197.60
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.48
Switzerland Fr	2.545	2.425
USA $	1.85	1.76
Yugoslavia Dnr	2900	2200

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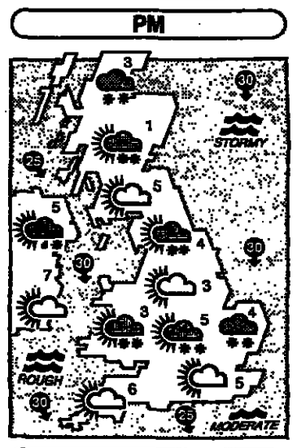
Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January)

London: The *FT* index closed up 5.8 at 1425.5.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am,2C (36F) Humidity: 6 pm, 94 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F); min 6 pm to 6 am,0C (32F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.7 hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly and Weymouth, Dorset, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Sumburgh, Shetlands, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Okabaig, Highland, 0.16 in; highest sunshine: *Falmouth, Cornwall, 9.7 hr.*

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.11 pm to 6.13 am
Bristol 6.21 pm to 6.23 am
Edinburgh 6.18 pm to 6.31 am
Manchester 6.17 pm to 6.24 am
Penzance 6.34 pm to 6.33 am

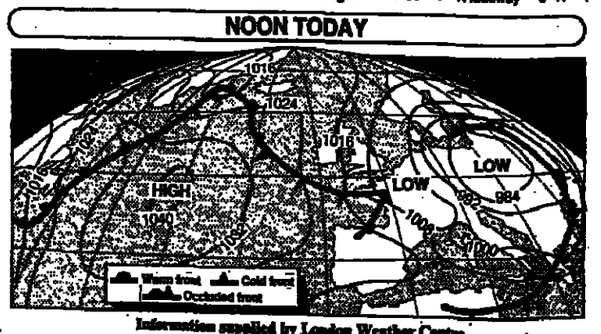
Sun rises: 6.46 am
Sun sets: 5.41 pm
Moon sets 6.22 am
Moon rises 3.18 pm
Full moon: March 3

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	3	37	sn	Guernsey	4	39	f
B'rmgham	3	37	c	Inverness	1	34	sn
Blackpool	5	41	s	Jersey	4	39	c
Bristol	5	41	f	London	5	41	s
Cardiff	5	41	s	M'chester	3	37	c
Edinburgh	4	39	f	Newcastle	3	37	f
Glasgow	4	39	f	N'ridaway	5	41	f

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1429.5 (+5.8)

FT-SE 100
1768.8 (+2.3)

Bargains
23914 (23002)

USM (Datastream)
145.57 (–0.02)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7725 (–0.0010)

W German mark
2.9938 (+0.0010)

Trade-weighted
74.7 (same)

Quadrex faces B&C lawsuit

Gunn in court action over Mercantile deal

By David Brewerton

Bitter recriminations and a legal action running to hundreds of millions of pounds have been set in motion, following the allegation from British & Commonwealth that Quadrex, the financial group, had repudiated its agreement to buy the wholesale broking division of Mercantile House Holdings.

Quadrex, owned by Mr Gary Klesch, had agreed to buy the division, which includes the money-brokers MW Marshall and William Street Holdings, for £280 million during the takeover battle last year for Mercantile House.

The failure of Quadrex to complete the deal will be of concern to the Bank of England, which was satisfied at the time the deal was agreed that Quadrex had access to the funds required to complete.

The deal had been structured in such a way that a complex series of conditions had to be met before the two valuable brokerages changed hands. B&C, which won control of Mercantile House after lifting its bid to £560 million, claims that the conditions were all met by last December.

It set a series of deadlines for the purchase to be completed by Quadrex, the final one expiring at 5pm on Sunday. When the cheque failed to arrive by yesterday morning, B&C began proceedings claiming damages for breach of contract.

B&C said yesterday that Mr Klesch had admitted last Friday he would not meet the deadline, despite the fact that during the negotiations last year Midland Montagu, the merchant banking arm of Midland Bank, had given a verbal assurance that the cash would be available.

Midland Montagu's senior legal adviser, Ms Irene Dorner, said that the bank had no comment on the matter.

> Mr Klesch has not yet handed over to B&C the £280 million he agreed to pay for Marshall last September.
>
> Although the final deadline for the deal is not until February 22, it is believed that there have been complications in arranging the financing.
>
> **From The Times of January 12**

The deal was also backed by Citibank, which said that "quite apart from Citicorp's own code of client confidentiality, English common law prohibits a banker discussing any matters relating to information supplied by or related to a client."

Quadrex itself issued a statement strenuously denying that it is in breach of the agreement, and promising vigorously to defend the action.

B&C has claimed the total amount of the deal, plus interest and outstanding intercompany advances, from Quadrex, the package adding up to more than £300 million. It is also likely that B&C will claim from Quadrex another £70 million, the amount by which it had to lift its bid for Mercantile House when Quadrex intervened.

The original plan had been for the MW Marshall operations to be bought out by the management with the backing of a Canadian company, CrownX, which was holding a crucial block of Mercantile House shares.

In the event, that plan was dropped when Mr Klesch and Quadrex entered the takeover battle, and it was being suggested yesterday that opposition from the Marshall management may have been a factor in the Quadrex deal falling through.

Mr John Gunn, chairman of B&C, said that "Quadrex spoiled our original plan. We wanted to sell the wholesale broking division with management participation."

It is understood that Quadrex was earlier this year examining a plan to sell its own money-broking operation, RP Martin, to the management to help finance the purchase of MW Marshall. The Bank of England will now be wanting to know Mr Klesch's plans for his money-broking activities.

B&C is now looking for a new buyer for the businesses. A management buyout backed by institutional cash is still a possibility, and one which would appeal to the Bank of England providing it were securely financed.

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Sir John: clearing decks for the expansion of Plessey's operations

Plessey venture agreed

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Final agreement on merging the telecommunications interests of the General Electric Company and Plessey has been reached, creating a new company, GEC Plessey Telecommunications (GPT), with a turnover of almost £1.2 billion and an asset base of £428 million.

The merger creates the prospect of gains from rationalization which may lead to some plant closures and job losses.

Into GPT go the System X public digital telephone exchange interests of GEC and Plessey. This may be the most likely area for rationalization. System X was developed for British Telecom but Plessey has hopes of it selling more widely abroad, particularly in the Soviet Union and Third World countries.

The creation of GPT will also clear the way for Plessey to expand some of its existing businesses by both internal growth and acquisition, Sir John Clark, the Plessey chairman, said.

Aerospace is one sector Plessey has identified for investment which could form the basis of a substantially enlarged business, he said.

Plessey will be paid £45 million by its partner because Plessey is putting in more assets than GEC, according to a circular sent by Plessey to shareholders who will be asked to agree the deal at an extraordinary meeting on March 25. The new company is expected to start trading on April 1.

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Sir John is also to be chairman of the holding company board at GPT with, also from Plessey, Mr Stephen Wells, finance director, and Professor William Gosling, director of technology.

Also on the board will be three GEC directors, Mr Malcolm Bates, deputy managing director, Mr John Rogers, finance director, and Mr Simon Weinstock, a GEC main board member who is the son of GEC's Lord Weinstock.

Mr Richard Reynolds, the GEC Telecommunications managing director, will be managing director of an operating board responsible for the day-to-day running of GPT. He will leave the GEC board on taking up the new post.

With him as finance director will be Mr Tony Isaac, the Plessey Telecommunications finance director.

Trade gap hits record £905m

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's balance of payments deteriorated sharply in January, as the current account slumped into a record £905 million deficit.

The deficit on visible trade rose to £1.5 billion, from £1 billion in December, mainly because of a sharp fall in exports. The invisibles surplus was estimated at £600 million.

The figures were significantly worse than the City had expected but their effect was muted, partly because Treasury officials cautioned against reading too much into one month's data.

The Treasury said the figures may have been subject to distortions, and cited an 18 per cent drop in exports to the European Economic Community, which could have been due to the introduction of new customs procedures on January 1. However, the Department of Trade and Industry, which produces the figures, said there was no firm evidence of any distortions.

The Treasury's view that the figures were distorted appears to have been based on its belief that the new Single Administrative Document, which came into effect on January 1, applies only to EEC trade. But DTI officials confirmed that the new documentation covers all Britain's overseas trade.

Exports overall fell by £634 million to £6.18 billion in January, the sharpest fall being to the EEC, where there was a drop of nearly £500 million.

While the monthly drop in exports was very sharp, economists have been warning for some time that the strong pound and slower growth in Europe could hit British exports. The volume of exports, excluding oil and erratic goods, was unchanged in the latest three months, after rising last year.

Imports also fell, slipping by £139 million to £7.69 million. But the upward trend in import volume was maintained in the latest three months.

Excluding oil and the erratics, import volume rose by 2 per cent in the October-January period, to a level 12 per cent up on a year earlier. The figures appear to indicate continuing strength in imports against more sluggish exports.

City economists, who had expected an improvement between December and January, as last year, regarded the figures as bad, having expected a deterioration later in the year.

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Talks on Brazil debt plan

Senior bankers stressed yesterday that there are likely to be hard negotiations with Brazil before last weekend's provisional accord over Brazil's $68 billion (£38.4 billion) of foreign bank debts is finally agreed.

There was particular scepticism over hopes expressed be Senhor Mailson Nobrega, the Brazilian finance minister, that the agreement would allow payment of debts over as long as 25 years with a grace period of between eight and 10 years before repayments of capital are made.

Under the deal, commercial banks would put up extra borrowings $5.8 billion for Brazil, which would return fully to normal interest payments.

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Williams leap

A 36 per cent increase in 1987 earnings per share and 169 per cent leap in pretax profits from Williams Holdings, the industrial conglomerate, failed to please the market which knocked the shares down 5p to 276p.

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BM soars

BM Group's pretax profits for the six months ended December rose from £2.12 million to £3.13 million on a turnover of £47.2 million (£29.4 million). The interim dividend rises from 0.9p to 1.2p a share.

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Barrister withdraws from representing Saunders

By Lawrence Lever

Mr John Mathew QC, the eminent criminal law barrister, has withdrawn from representing Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, in the charges brought against him in the Guinness affair.

Mr Mathew, a highly paid barrister whose clients have included Mr Lester Piggott, Mr Jim Slater and Miss Sarah Tisdall, would not comment last night beyond saying that his withdrawal was "totally amicable" and that there were reasons on both sides for his withdrawal.

One factor is known to be the length of any eventual trial of those who have been charged in connection with Guinness.

Informed sources are now saying that the trial could easily last six months. Mr Mathew, who joined the bar in 1949, was reluctant to bind himself to such a continuing and arduous commitment.

Last month it emerged that Mr Saunders had fallen out with his former solicitors, Payne Hicks Beach, over the size of their bill, which exceeded £500,000.

Mr Saunders, whose resources have been stretched by the civil and criminal proceedings against him, has appointed new solicitors, Landau and Landau, and is asking the High Court to say whether it considers Payne Hicks' bill reasonable.

Payne Hicks brought in Mr Mathew to act for Mr Saunders during his appearances at Bow Street magistrates' court last year. With the switch of solicitors there could have been some embarrassment if Mr Mathew continued to act for Mr Saunders.

Moreover, Landau and Landau are understood to want to develop their own team to act for Mr Saunders.

Hanson abandons its £69m Armitage bid

By Alison Eadie

Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, has abandoned its attempt to buy George Armitage & Sons, the Yorkshire brick manufacturer, after Armitage made it clear it did not want to go through a three-month investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Hanson, whose £69 million agreed bid was referred to the MMC three weeks ago, was happy to go ahead with the investigation.

Armitage, one of Britain's oldest brick manufacturers, put itself up for sale last October and chose Hanson from a list of about a dozen suitors. Several of the original suitors have renewed their interest.

Mr Geoffrey Armitage, chairman and chief executive, said yesterday that the company was looking at other options, but declined to name prospective buyers. The company is in talks with the Office of Fair Trading to ensure that any new merger will escape an MMC reference.

The DTI said the Hanson bid raised issues of competition in the market for engineering bricks in England and Wales.

Ansbacher may buy Saudi TV-am stake

By Cliff Feltham

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant banker, organizing the auction of the controversial 14.9 per cent Saudi Arabian stake in TV-am, yesterday confirmed it might be keen on buying the shareholding itself.

But the bank denied there was a conflict of interest.

Henry Ansbacher said its clients were also taking advice from another firm of advisers but declined to say who was involved.

Confirmation of the bank's intentions came as more buyers emerged for the shareholding including Mr Peter de Savary, the millionaire yachtsman, whose Land Leisure group owns Land's End.

He faces the keenest competition from the Quantum Fund, the offshore mutual fund run by Mr George Soros, the Wall Street investment king, which owns 6.7 per cent of TV-am. It confirmed it had put in an offer of £13 million for the stake which has been rejected.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority, which vets foreign holdings in independent television companies, is to discuss the matter at a meeting on Thursday.

Bank will not bail out securities firms in trouble

Governor's warning for the City

By Our Economics Correspondent

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, has given a warning that recent examples of failures in management control endangered the City's reputation.

He also said that City firms who failed to rein back costs in line with lower stock market turnover could face a hard landing, but that there would be no question of any Bank of England rescue for securities firms in trouble.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton's uncompromising message, delivered yesterday at a Nedo/*Economist* conference on the effects of last year's stock market crash, underlined the Bank's displeasure with recent well-publicized episodes where relatively inexperienced employees have run up large losses, as well as earlier examples of City wrongdoing.

Only last week, Mr Charles Villiers, the chairman of County NatWest Securities, and Mr Jonathan Cohen, the chief executive, resigned after large losses were incurred, notably in the traded options market.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "For the City, the crash and its immediate aftermath have focused attention on the close management control and discipline that need to be exercised in many of the complex and ambitious new organizations that have emerged in the wake of the Big Bang.



Leigh-Pemberton: uncompromising

"This is not just a matter of keeping control over costs – although this is important, as the recent period of low market activity has demonstrated; and the picture presented to the outside world by the City's hiring and firing practices is scarcely an attractive one.

"There is a need, too, for management to take a very close interest in the conduct of business within houses; the preservation of what, for want of a better expression, I have called the ethos of the City.

"The importance of doing so has been underlined in a number of cases over the past year; and management in our major houses must not underestimate the great damage to their reputation and standing that can flow from the appointment of inspectors to investigate possible contraventions of the law."

The Governor said that while it was the central bank's responsibility to safeguard the financial system, the concern was with "systemic risk" rather than individual components. It is emphatically not the job of central banks to stand behind individual intermediaries, he said.

The Governor said there was little sense of a hard landing for the economy as a result of last October's stock market crash. He gave a warning that wage settlements were too high against a background of slower growth in productivity.

But for the City, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said, "low turnover since the crash has emphasized the need to rein in costs, built up in some cases on the back of unrealistic expectations about turnover and market share.

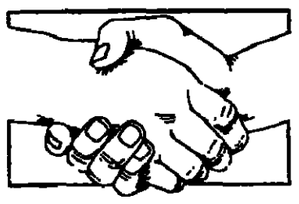
"For those who are slow to adjust there," he said, "I do not predict any particularly soft landing."

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2042.61 (+19.40)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	25242.81 (–42.06)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2418.08 (+34.16)
Amsterdam: Gen	232.6 (+2.0)
Sydney: AO	1251.0 (+9.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1398.3 (+6.8)
Brussels:	
General	4840.2 (+50.1)
Paris: CAC	306.5 (+1.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	451.8 (–52.9)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	908.08 (+0.61)
FT.– "500"	998.59 (+9.92)
FT. Gold Mines	234.0 (–10.9)
FT. Fixed interest	96.43 (+0.64)
FT. Govt Secs	90.26 (+0.23)

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RISES:	
Allied Lyons	368p (+12p)
Natwest	580p (+12p)
Oakwood	845p (+85p)
Christies Intnl	557p (+42p)
Centreway	145p (+15p)
Shandwick	525p (+10p)
Home Counties	300p (+10p)
Silentnight	145p (+7p)
Evered	127p (+9p)
Staveley	163p (+8p)
Parkway	290p (+8p)
Glynwed	463p (+8p)
BM Group	393p (+8p)
Lambert Howarth	240p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Central TV	535p (–19p)
Yorks TV	196p (–19p)
Tyne Tees	543p (–17p)
Pearson Group	676p (–14p)
Granada	313p (–9p)
Meyer Intnl	366p (–8p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9⅜-9⅝%
3-month eligible bills:9-8⅞%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⁹/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.61-5.60%*
30-year bonds 106¹/₃₂-106²/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7725	£: $1.7735*
£: DM2.9938	$: DM1.6883*
£: SwFr2.4682	$: SwFr1.3925*
£: FFr10.1334	$: FFr5.7170*
£: Yen227.41	$: Yen128.35*
£: Index:74.7	$: Index:94.5
ECU £0.690965	SDR £0.768363

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $423.75 pm-$426.15
close $424.75-425.25 (£239.50-240.00)
New York:
Comex $425.20-425.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr) pm $15.15bbl ($15.00)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Polypipe profits soar 67% to record £2.7m

Polypipe, the manufacturer of plastic plumbing and drainage systems, has revealed bumper half-year profits coupled with optimistic full-year expectations. Pretax profits were a record £2.72 million for the six months to December 31, an increase of 67.9 per cent on the corresponding half in 1986. Sales rose 65.9 per centto £18.95 million.

The growth is almost all organic with the company's three acquisitions at the tail-end of last year having no material effect on profits. Earnings per share of 3p represented an improvement of 48.1 per cent after adjustments. The company is lifting its interim dividend by 37 per cent to 0.7p. "We are continuing to enjoy buoyant conditions in the sectors in which we operate," Mr Kevin McDonald says in his chairman's statement. The shares rose 4p on the results before falling back to their 155p opening price.

Half-time rise for surveyor

Sinclair Goldsmith, the chartered surveyor and rating consultant which came to the stock market last year after a placing at 90p a share, reports pretax profits in the six months ended November 30 up from £273,000 to £560,000 on turnover of £1.74 million (£1.24 million). A maiden interim dividend of 0.9p a share is declared.

Birmingham Mint deal

Birmingham Mint, the coins to electronic components group, has bought Green Duck Corporation, an American manufacturer of coins, tokens and advertising products. A cash payment of $3.2 million (£1.8 million) will be topped up by a maximum $500,000, if Green Duck's profits before tax exceed $750,000 in the year ending April 1989.

Finance chief resigns

Mr Stewart Milton, the group finance director at Borthwicks, the food manufacturer, has resigned after only a year in the job because of the reduction in the scale of head office operations. Mr Dennis Carey, the chief executive, said that the parting was amicable. He said there was a compensation package, but declined to quantify it.

The company's divestment strategy and the recent disposal of its Australian and Japanese meat processing operations have led to a reduction of about 50 per cent in head office staff from a previous total of 16. Mr Carey said that Mr Milton was experienced and highly qualified and the scope of the job was not commensurate with what he would wish to achieve. A new finance director will be appointed from within the company.

Bunzl makes $29m buy

Bunzl, the distribution, paper and plastics company, is exercising its option to buy Seal Inc, an American supplier of laminating and mounting products for the photographic industry, for $29 million (£16.4 million). Bunzl announced last week that it was taking an option on 54 per cent of Seal with a view to making an offer for the rest of the shares.

US stores to be sold

Southland Corporation said in Dallas that it had signed a letter of intent to sell about 473 operating 7-Eleven stores to Circle K Corporation for about $147 million (£83.05 million) in cash. Southland said the payment iacludes stores, real estate and other assets. There would also be an additional amount for store inventories, it added.

Property takeovers

Estates & Agency Holdings, the property group, is taking over two private investment companies in a deal worth almost £10 million. It is acquiring Barking Industrial Properties and Rosedimond Investments for £2.8 million, but after repaying inter-company debts, the deal comes to £9.7 million. Barking Industrial owns the nine-acre Barking Abbey industrial estate in Essex which has a current rental income of £504,000.

Rosedimond owns Regal House in Barking, Essex, which consists of freehold shops and offices, with a rental income of £179,000. At the same time, Estates & Agency is buying Trelawny House, a long leasehold office property in Felixstowe, Suffolk, valued at £1.8 million. The current rental income is £173,000 a year.

M3 up 0.5% in January

The Bank of England has confirmed that the money supply, broadly defined (M3), rose by 0.5 per cent, seasonally adjusted, in January. Over the past 12 months it has risen by 22.4 per cent. Some of the record increase in bank lending may have been swelled by borrowing to finance tax payments and borrowing in sterling to swap into foreign currencies.

BBA in £12m expansion

BBA Group, the manufacturer of automotive and engineering products, is buying four industrial textile businesses for a net £12.2 million in cash. Based in northern England, the businesses are involved in the spinning, doubling and weaving of a wide range of yarns for hoses, belting, tyre cord, carpets and general industrial products.

Witwatersrand Nigel Limited

Company registration No 06/04523/06

Report for the quarter ended 31 December 1987

Issued share capital: 15 337 407 shares of 25 cents each

	Quarter ended 31 December 1987	Quarter ended 30 September 1987	Year ended 31 December 1987
Operating results			
Tons treated	110 000	113 000	442 000
Yield (g/t)	2,44	2,56	2,47
Production – (kg)	269	283	1 094
Revenue (R/ton treated)	73,86	77,82	72,23
Cost (R/ton treated)	120,83	81,74	88,56
Working profit/(loss) (R/ton treated)	(46,97)	(3,92)	(16,33)
Average gold price received (R/kg)	30 204	30 360	29 220
Cost (R/kg produced)	49 409	31 913	35 827
Working loss: (R/kg produced)	(19 205)	(1 553)	(6 607)
Financial results	R'000	R'000	R'000
Revenue from gold produced	8 126	8 780	31 958
Less Working costs	13 291	9 223	39 184
Working loss	(5 166)	(443)	(7 226)
Less Other net income (expenditure)	(445)	96	(149)
Net deficit before taxation	(5 611)	(347)	(7 375)
Taxation	(61)	11	10
Net deficit after taxation	(5 550)	(358)	(7 365)
Provision for State aid	4 622	358	6 457
Net surplus/(deficit) after taxation and State aid	(928)	Nil	(928)
Capital expenditure	913	257	1 592
Development results			
Advance – m	2 329,2	1810,7	6 122,7
On Reef – m	1 368,9	1 028,1	3 460,3
Sampled – m	1 014,1	898,5	2 674,6
Payable – m	306,0	247,5	801,0
% Payable	30,2	27,5	30,0
Value g/t	21,1	21,8	20,7
Channel width – cm	43	44	47
– cm g/t	907	959	971

Notes

1. The cut-back in development which took place over the past few years reduced the number of payable stope faces to far below that necessary for profitable operations. The 30% increase in development is being maintained and will in due course restore the mine to profitability.
2. As with development, mining and processing facilities had been neglected and consequently fallen into a serious state of disrepair. The 50% increase in total operating and capital costs has resulted in a much improved mine.

For and on behalf of the board

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TEMPUS

Williams Holdings deserves better

The British investor is by nature suspicious, having been frequently misled by opportunist industrialists. Although this scepticism is admirable, fast-growing companies with a sound earnings basis suffer from not being given full credit for their achievements.

Williams Holdings is one such. Earnings per share have nearly trebled on a ninefold increase in pretax profits. This year profits are expected to double again and earnings rise another 35 per cent.

The shares have outperformed the market by 30 per cent in the last 12 months but still sell on a 5 per cent discount to the market.

The shares' promotion to the lofty ranks of alpha stocks should make it hard for serious instititutions to avoid *holding the shares. An ADR* (American depository receipt) listing would make the shares attractive to the US investment community.

Thus, although the rating is miserly at present there is hope for improvement.

The market was disappointed not to hear details of the proposed streamlining of the now enlarged paints division. *The scope to reduce* costs and maximize a number two market position, after ICI, is considerable.

However, Williams should spell out its plans within a month and is not expecting large exceptional or extraordinary charges.

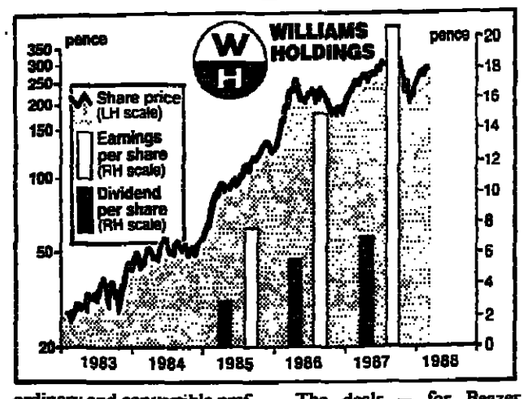
Acquisitions, principally Crown and Polycell, added about £16 million to last year's profits. Year-end gearing, before quoted investments, was 15 per cent. It has risen post-Berger to 40 per cent but is expected to be back to the year-end figure within a matter of months.

Margins are healthy, having grown during the year from 10.2 per cent to 12.2 per cent.

Williams still holds between 3 and 5 per cent of Norcros and is free to bid again towards the end of April. The latter's DIY-oriented portfolio fits neatly into Williams' existing collection of businesses.

Other acquisitions may be in Europe or more especially in the United States where plenty of opportunities re*main for the group to use its* proven management skills to good effect.

For the full year, Williams *should report pretax profits of* at least £120 million and earnings per share of 27.5p. Holders of these undervalued shares have at least the compensation of a 4 per cent yield.



BM Group

Beazer and BM Group are back in each other's arms. BM Group, is buying two concerns with combined net tangible assets of £12 million from Beazer through an issue of ordinary and convertible preference shares valued at £37.4 million. BM is also assuming £9.6 million of debt.

The net effect is Beazer's stake in BM Group, which two years ago was 74 per cent and only recently reduced to 23.5 per cent, will now rise to 29.9 per cent.

For the moment, that is as far as the equity stakes change – though given time, anything is possible.

No price distinction is made between the two groups being acquired, though the two holding companies are being acquired on an exit price-earnings ratio of 15.

The overall attraction to BM is the opportunity it senses to squeeze fatter margins out of interests whose ownership on its side of the family tree will in any case broaden its products range.

The deals – for Beazer Products and Services, and for Tod – give BM a greater foothold in the construction and building supplies industries, and through Tod (which manufactures glass reinforced plastics for submarines) a stake in the world of defence. BM's latest set of interim results, showed record interim pretax profits of £3.13 million against £2.12 million and a fatter interim dividend. Add on the potential of improved returns from the newly acquired assets and prospects for the year as a whole are much enhanced.

BM's pretax profits which last year were £5.08 million equivalent to 16.4p of net earnings could, helped by a three months' contribution from the newcomers, come out at £9.8 million this year, equivalent to net earnings of 23.5p a share. So there will be real growth without any dilution.

BM is out to diversify further from an essentially engineering base, and though a period of digestion is likely in the short term, it should not be too long before the group again goes on the takeover trail.

The shares at 393p, up 8p, trade on a prospective 16.7 times, and remain worth holding.

Plessey

For Plessey and GEC, the main event yesterday was a detailed exposition of the long-awaited, 50-50 joint venture which effectively merges the two group's telecommunications operations. One of the sideshows, however, is of more than passing interest for Plessey shareholders.

The abortive plan to merge GEC and Plessey, lock, stock and barrel, ran into the big guns of the defence lobby. That part of Plessey's business is clearly a protected species. But according to the small print of the circular sent to shareholders, Plessey's interest in the joint venture, GEC Plessey Telecommunications, becomes as bid-proof as its military activities.

In the event of a takeover of one party, the other has an *option to buy out the remaining half* of the joint venture at a fair value price to be determined by the auditors.

That leaves Plessey safe as a company, yet lacking sparkle as an investment. Its semiconductor activities, in some areas facing ferocious competition from Japanese companies, are now, with turnover of only £130 million annually, overshadowed by the defence businesses. In the US, defence spending no longer looks to be the expanding area it once was

The new telecoms venture is fine as far as it goes. But two further developments will be needed before the City is likely to become excited. There was no hint yet of the all-important rationalization benefits likely to arise from the formation of the joint company. These must await further appointments to the operating board – which incidentally is to be headed by a GEC man, Mr Richard Reynolds – and what look to be some lengthy and, possibly, bloody negotiations with employee-representatives.

The savings to be wrung from the rationalization of the two companies are crucial to both the City's perception of *the deal and to the competitiveness* of the joint company in the longer term.

GEC Plessey Telecommunications will become the fifth largest concern in digital public switching worldwide. But in a broader telecoms context, the new company will barely make it into the world's top 10.

STOCK MARKETS

Allied up as market-makers feel squeeze

Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, stood out with a rise of 16p to 372p yesterday on revived speculation that *the Bond Corporation*, the Australian brewery headed by the entrepreneur Mr Alan Bond, had been adding to its holding.

The shares have risen by 35p in the past week and by the close of business last night, a further 7 million shares had changed hands. At the last count, Mr Bond held 5 per cent of Allied, worth around £134 million. But sources close to Allied have been playing down the stake-building talk and are adamant that Mr Bond has not been adding to his holding.

But this failed to deter the buyers, many of whom still remember Elders IXL's abortive bid for the group in 1985.

A number of market-makers in Allied-Lyons are starting to feel the squeeze. Several of them have been caught short of stock and have been forced to look on helplessly as the price continues its advance. They are now desperately trying to claw back stock and this may have been one of the reasons behind yesterday's renewed surge.

The rest of the brewers spent a quieter day, including Scottish & Newcastle, down 4p at 247p, where New Zealander Sir Ron Brierley already owns 7 per cent of the shares and Elders IXL has bought a 2 per cent stake.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market took the news of January's record, £905 million trade deficit in its stride. *Market-makers* marked prices lower on hearing of the worse-than-expected deficit, but the absence of sellers saw *prices rally towards the close*, helped by a firmer start to trading on Wall Street.

Volume remained thin with *turnover on Seaq recording* only 313.2 million shares. Dealers now fear that we have seen the best of the pre-Budget rally.

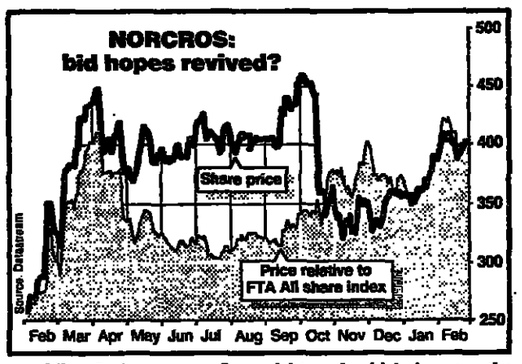
"What this market needs is a big bid to get things going again," remarked one bored broker as he left for home last night after a tedious day.

The FT-SE 100 share index ended 2.3 points better at 1,768.8, having been 7.7 points lower after the trade news. The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished 5.8 points higher at 1,429.5.

Gilt-edged stocks closed with gains ranging to £¾, cheered by the pound's performance on the foreign exchanges.

● News of the purchase of 200 pubs from Grand Metropolitan by Heron International, the property developer, has created *plenty of excitement*. Talk within the drinks industry claims Heron will hold on to the freehold of the pubs but turn over management to Control Securities.

Cadbury firmed by 1p to 269p ahead of Thursday's full-year figures. County NatWest is going for pretax profits of £200 million with the group's British soft drinks joint venture with Coca Cola providing the boost to profits.



County says that General Cinema's 18.2 per cent stake in Cadbury provides the takeover interest and that the shares are a strong buy.

Talk in the market that General Cinema of the US is looking to sell its cinema sites in a deal worth around $1 billion (£565 million) has led some brokers to believe that GC is looking to raise cash in order to bid for Cadbury Schweppes.

News that Brazil and its leading creditor-banks have agreed to resume interest payments brought some welcome news for the big clearing banks.

Sentiment was also helped by analysts taking the view that the worst might now be over for the big four banks after the provisons announced in the recent dividend season and that now is the time to buy.

Lloyds, which is heavily exposed to Latin American debt and which became the second clearer to plunge into *the red, revealing pretax losses* of £248 million on Friday, attracted a good interest, closing 12p higher at 276p, as *nearly 6 million shares* changed hands.

Midland, which had opened the results season with *unprecedented losses of more* than £500 million, rose by 5p to 403p on a turnover of 1.7 million shares, while **Barclays** *gained 9p to 488p and* NatWest firmed 20p to 588p.

Two newcomers got off to a flying start on the "big board."

Shanks & McEwan, the Glasgow-based waste management specialist, began life at 710p compared with the *placing price of 650p. After* touching 740p at one stage, the price eventually closed at 735p – an opening premium *of 85p. The broker to the issue* was Hoare Govett.

Gardiner Group, the security equipment manufacturer, also joined the "big board," quickly establishing a healthy premium. Placed at 30p each by Griffiths and Lamb, the Birmingham-based stockbroker, the shares opened at 39p and then fluctuated within narrow limits before finishing at 38.5p, a premium of 8.5p.

The word is that **Norcros**, the building products group, which last year avoided an unwanted bid from **Williams Holdings**, the industrial conglomerate, could soon find itself under attack again.

Williams Holdings must wait until next month before being allowed to have a second crack, but if the stories circulating in the market are anything to go by, someone is about to beat it to the punch.

It now appears that **Coloroll**, the fast-growing home furnishings group headed by *Mr John Ashcroft*, has built up a stake in the shares.

Mr Ashcroft is keen to get his hands on Norcros's ceramic tiles, shower unit and window surrounds businesses – but he does not intend to launch a full bid.

He is under the impression that BTR, which has also been tipped in the past as a likely suitor, will bid. He could then pass on his shares in Norcros to BTR, in exchange, hopefully, for the pieces of the business he wants.

The shares of Norcros closed 2p lower at 398p but dealers anticipate action soon. Meanwhile, Williams finished 7p lower at 274p despite a surge in full-year figures, showing pretax profits surging from £21 million to £57 million.

The television companies were a dull market, worried by reports that the 16 independent television franchises will go to the highest bidders when they come up for renewal in 1992. The decision has been made by a Cabinet committee, chaired by the Prime Minister and follows the policy already laid down with regard to the three new commercial radio stations being set up for next year which will also be going to the highest bidder.

The news appears to have caught most of the television companies on the hop and this was reflected in their share prices which were marked sharply lower.

Leading the way lower was **Central Independent Television**, down 24p at 534p. Losses were also seen in **HTV Group**, 6p to 258p, **LWT (Holdings)**, 4p to 154p, **Scottish Television**, 10p to 424p, **TV South**, 17p to 330p, **Thames TV**, 5p to 335p, **Tyne Tees TV**, 17p to 543p, **Ulster TV**, 7p to 76p and **Yorkshire TV**, 19p to 196p.

FRANKFURT

Prices firm in quiet trading

(Reuter) – Prices closed a quiet bourse mixed, but with a firmer bias, helped by favourable sentiment and technical support but undermined by investor inactivity and a lack of fresh economic news, dealers said.

Commerzbank's 60-share index, calculated at the mid-session fix, rose 6.8 points, or 0.5 per cent, to 1,398.3. The Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index, calculated every 30 minutes, firmed 0.72 points, to end at 290.90.

In banks, Deutsche declined DM1.30 to DM436.70 (£146), while Dresdner gained DM1.50, to DM247.50.

High-tech Nixdorf gained DM12.50, to DM547.50, on news that it had won a contract from the Chinese Post Ministry to supply electronic data processing equipment.

TOKYO

Nikkei's 13-day advance ended

(Reuter) – Share prices closed lower in active trade yesterday – snapping a 13-day winning run by the main market indicator – due to profit-*taking after advances totalling* more than 1,600 points, brokers said.

"It had to come some time, *and it came today (Monday)*," said Mr Craig Chudler, strategist at Smith New Court Far East.

The Nikkei average lost 42.06 points to 25,242.81 at the close after hitting a morning low of 25,127.71. It rose 119.69 points in half-day trading on Saturday.

Declining issues almost matched advancing shares on turnover of 900 million shares against 500 million traded on Saturday.

Communications, securities *house, pharmaceuticals*, and mining shares declined.

Steel, bank, shipbuilding, non-life insurance, property, gas, non-ferrous metal and some manufacturing issues rose.

A technical correction was *inevitable*, brokers said, and a lack of fresh incentives yesterday may have also provoked selling.

The total for Nikkei's 13-day rise was 1,622.60 points, or 6.8 per cent.

It was the average's longest rise after a 14-session bull run from December 21, 1960 to January 11, 1961 which lifted it a total of 115.17 points or 8.94 per cent, brokers said.

Retail and consumer demand-related issues were generally weaker in the morning, but regained strength later due to continued speculation about the impact of increased consumer spending and an influx of imports, brokers said.

SYDNEY

Shares up on low turnover

(Reuter) – Shares closed higher yesterday, with buyers *targeting banks and prime* industrial stocks, but turnover was low, brokers said.

"There are a few buyers around, but there's still not enough volume being generated yet," one broker said.

The All-Ordinaries index rose 10.1 points to 1,251.0 and the All-Industrials 17.9 to 2,036.5. The All-Resources indicator was up 4.4 to 660.4, but the gold index was down 12.1 to 1,441.5.

National turnover totalled 88.77 million shares worth *Aus$119.86 million* (£48.3 million). Declining shares outnumbered advancing issues by a three-to-two margin.

Transport, banks and entrepreneurial stocks were the target for most buyers.

Among the larger gainers on the industrial board were Brambles up 20 to 8.50, TNT up 5 to 3.95, Elders IXL 10 to 3.38, Bell Group 12 to 1.45, and BHP 16 to 6.70.

Coles Myer was up 22 to 6.42 and Amcor rose 7 on *speculation that it will report a* solid profit on Thursday. FAI rose 10 to 4.30, but The News Corporation fell 25 to 11.20.

Gold stocks were mostly down following the slump in the international bullion price to US$430 an ounce last week.

Niugini was down 25 to 3.30, Australian Consolidated Minerals 18 to 2.70, Renison Goldfields 30 to 5.80 and Metana 20 to 6.70.

WALL STREET

Dow gains 12 points in early dealings

New York (Reuter) – Shares generally held most of their opening gains in early trading yesterday but then steadied as investors awaited today's in*dex of leading indicators. An*alysts said that shares benefited from an easing of concern about inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 12 points higher at 2,035.21. Rising issues showed a lead of two to one over declining ones.

Roper Corporation jumped by 10½ to 36¾. Whirlpool has made a bid of 37½ for all Roper shares.

On Friday, the Dow average rose by 5.64 to 2,023.21.

● Washington – United States' machine tool orders, led by a 27.5 per cent jump in domestic orders, rose by 23.7 per cent in January to $298.50 million, the National Machine Tool Builders' Association said.

The January rise in orders followed a 76.7 per cent surge in December to $242.6 million. It said that January's *orders were up by 125.3 per* cent from a year ago.

The weaker dollar – which makes US-made machine tools more price-competitive – coupled with higher government purchases, contributed to the rise in orders.

The association said that a requirement that the Department of Defence buy more US-made machine tools also contributed to last month's rise in domestic orders.

	Feb 26	Feb 25		Feb 26	Feb 25		Feb 26	Feb 25
AMR Cp	39½	39¾	Fedders	8	7⅞	Pennzoil	70⅝	69⅞
ASA	45¼	44⅝	Firestone	44⅛	43¾	Pepsico	34⅛	34½
Aetna Life	46⅝	46½	Fst Chicago	24	23½	Pfizer	53⅝	53⅜
Allied Signal	31½	31⅝	Fst Int Bncp	45	43⅝	Phelps Dod	35⅝	36⅛
Allis Chlm	1¼	1⅛	Fst Penn C	9⅛	9⅛	Philip Mor	92	90⅞
Alcoa	45½	45⅛	FT Wachva	38½	38⅝	Philip Pet	14⅝	13⅜
Amax Inc	17⅝	17½	Ford Motor	44¼	44½	Polaroid	29⅝	29⅝
AMR Hess	28	28½	GAF Cp	48¾	48¾	Primerica	30⅝	29⅞
Am Brands	44⅜	44⅜	GTE Cp	38⅛	38⅝	Procr Gble	82¼	82
Am Cynamd	47⅞	47	Gen Cp	21¼	21½	Pub S E G	24¼	24⅛
Am Ele Pwr	28½	28⅝	Gn Dynam	52⅛	52½	R Nabisco	50	49⅝
Amerx	25⅝	25½	Gen Electric	43⅝	43	Raytheon	69⅝	69½
Am Family	13¾	13⅝	Gen Inst	31	31¾	Rymids Mett	41	41⅛
Am Home	77⅛	78½	Gen Mills	49	48⅝	Rockwell Int	18⅜	18⅛
Am Int Grp	56½	56½	Gen Motors	69¼	68⅞	Royal Dutch	113	114
Am Stand	68⅝	68⅜	Gen Pub Ut	31⅛	30⅞	SFE Sopac	23⅜	23⅛
Am Telph	29	29⅛	Genesco	4¼	4¼	Sara Lee	40½	38⅝
Amoco Cp	72⅝	72⅜	Georgia Pac	37⅞	37½	Schlumb	34⅛	35
Anheusr B	31¾	32⅛	Gillette	39⅝	39¾	Scott Pap	73⅜	74⅛
Armco Steel	11¼	11⅛	Goodrich	45⅜	45¼	Seagram	55½	55⅜
Asarco Inc	20⅛	21⅛	Goodyear	58	57	Sears Roeb	36⅛	35⅝
Ashland Oil	59½	59¼	Gould Inc	12¾	12¼	Shell Trans	72⅜	74⅝
Atl RichfId	75⅝	76⅛	Grace Co	27⅛	27⅛	Singer	49⅝	49
Avon Prod	24½	24⅛	Grt Atl Pac	38⅜	38	Smith Beck	56⅝	55⅝
Bk Boston	25⅛	25	Greyhnd	31⅛	31	Sony Cp	38¼	37⅛
Bank NY	28⅛	29½	Grumun	19⅝	19⅛	Sth Cal Ed	32⅝	32⅝
Bankamer	8½	8⅜	Gulf & West	77⅞	78⅛	SW Bell	37	37
Bkrs Tst NY	34¾	34½	Heinz	41⅝	41¾	Squibb	65	65⅝
Baxter	24¾	24¾	Hercules	48⅝	48¾	Sterl Drug	89⅜	89¼
Beth Steel	19½	20	Hewlett Pk	61	60½	Stevens JP	49⅜	47⅝
Boeing	47½	48	Honeywell	64	63½	Sun Comp	54⅛	54⅝
Boise Casc	45⅞	46⅛	IC Ind	36	35⅜	TRW Inc	49⅜	49⅜
Borden	55	55	ITT Cp	46⅜	46½	Teledyne	328	329½
Bristl Meyr	43½	43½	INCO	22¼	22¼	Tenneco	42⅛	42½
BP	54½	54⅛	Ing Rand Wi	37⅞	37	Texaco	42⅝	42⅝
Brunswick	20	19⅞	Inland Steel	32⅝	33⅛	Tex Eastn	28	28
Burl Nth	87⅞	88⅛	IBM	115½	114⅝	Texas Inst	51½	50⅝
CBS	166½	165½	Int Paper	42⅞	43⅜	Tex Util	29½	29¼
CMS Engy	16⅛	15⅞	Irving Bk	53⅛	53½	Textron	23⅝	23⅜
CPC Int	45⅝	45⅜	Johns&Johns	81½	80⅝	Travelers	36⅝	36¼
CSX Cp	29	28⅞	K Mart	33⅜	33⅜	Tricntl	35⅞	35⅞
Camp Soup	28⅜	27⅞	Kaisertech	10⅝	10⅝	USX Cp	32⅝	32⅜
Can Pacific	18⅝	18	Kerr McGee	36⅛	37	Unilever Plc	35⅜	35½
Caterpillar	64½	64⅛	Kimbrly Clrk	56⅝	56⅜	Un Carbide	23⅛	22⅝
Centrl SW	32⅝	32½	Kraft	56⅜	55	Un Pac Cp	58	58⅝
Champion	34⅝	34¼	Kroger	29	28¾	Unisys Cp	35⅜	35⅛
Chase Man	24½	24	LTV Cp	3½	3½	Utd Brands	46½	n.a
Chem NY	24⅞	24½	Litton	81½	83	Us West	54⅝	55
Chevron	43¼	43⅜	Lockheed	43¾	43⅜	Utd Tech	40¼	40⅝
Chrysler	24¼	24⅜	Lucky Str	28⅞	28½	Unocal	32½	32
Citicorp	20⅝	21	Man H'mwr	25⅜	25¾	Warn Lamb	75½	74¾
Clark Eq	25⅜	25½	Manville	2⅛	2⅛	Wells Far	53¼	52⅜
Coca Cola	38¾	37½	Mapco	50⅝	50½	Westg El	52¾	52½
Colgate	43⅛	43¾	Marriott	29⅞	29⅝	Weyerhsr	42¾	42⅜
Colgmo Gas	33¼	33⅛	Mt Marrieta	45⅞	46½	Whirlpool	27⅜	27½
Cmb'tn Eng	32⅜	31⅝	Masco	26⅝	26⅝	Woolworth	45⅜	45
Grmith Edl	26½	26½	Mcdonalds	46¾	46⅝	Xerox Cp	56⅜	55⅝
Cons Edis	44⅜	44⅜	McDonnel	63¾	63¼	Zenith	17	17
Consol Ng	37½	36⅝	Mead Cp	35¾	35⅞			
Cont Data	24⅝	24½	Merck	161⅛	162	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	56⅛	56⅛	Minsta Mng	58	57⅛			
Crane	27⅜	27½	Mobil	42¾	42⅝	Agnico Eag	16¼	16
Curtiss W	52½	52⅜	Monsanto	86½	86⅜	Alcan Alum	34⅝	35
Data Gent	27	27½	Montedison	10⅝	10	Algoma Stl	17.50	17⅝
Deere Co	43	42⅝	Morgan Jp	38⅛	36⅛	Can Pacific	23¼	23
Delta Awl	47⅝	47⅛	Motorola	45½	46⅝	Cominco	15¼	15¼
Detroit Edi	14⅝	14⅜	NCR	62⅝	63	Com Bastrst	18⅝	18⅜
Digital Eq	124½	123¾	NL Indstrs	6¼	6¼	Hawk S Can	19¾	19⅝
Disney	60	60¼	Nat Md Ent	19⅞	19¾	Hud Bay M	21	21
Dow Chem	84⅛	83	Nat Semi	11½	11⅜	Imasco	27	27¼
Dressr Ind	28	28	Norfolk Sth	28¾	28½	Imperial Oil	57⅜	57¾
Dupont	84½	85¼	NW Bancrp	44¼	43¾	Int Pipe	45½	45½
Duke Pwr	46⅝	46⅜	Occid Petl	25¾	26	Royl Trstco	15⅞	15½
East Kodak	42⅝	42	Ogden Cp	30⅜	30	Seagram	70¼	70½
Eaton Cp	76	75⅛	Olin Cp	47¾	48½	Shelbo 'A'	37½	23
Emerson El	33⅛	33¾	PPG Ind	39	39	Thmsn N 'A'	27⅛	27
Emory Air	6¼	6¾	Pac Gas El	17⅞	17⅛	Vanity Cp	3.45	3.55
Exxon	41⅛	41¼	Pan Am	2⅜	2⅜	WCT	16¾	16⅝
Farah Inc	9¾	9¾	Penney JC	47¾	47¾	Weston	32	31⅞

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Holmes à Court announces reverse takeover at Bell

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, yesterday unveiled the centrepiece of his long-awaited plan for the restructuring of his corporate empire: a Aus$686 million (£278 million) reverse takeover.

Bell Resources, one of the key players in the just-finalized BHP restructuring – the biggest in Australian corporate history – is bidding for its parent, Bell Group.

Mr Holmes à Court made the announcement within hours of Bell Resources receiving the Aus$2.1 billion due from BHP.

If the bid succeeds, he will have consolidated his debts in one company.

Bell Resources is his richest company after an asset-selling spree that has boosted its bank balance by more than Aus$3.6 billion.

The Bell Resources bid is one BR share plus Aus$1 for every ordinary share in Bell Group.

Bell Resources closed here yesterday at Aus$1.25.

The bid includes "comparable" offers for the 6 per cent, convertible preference shares, and 11 per cent cumulative preference shares of Bell Group, subject to Bell Resources becoming entitled to acquire compulsorily the Bell Group ordinary shares.

Other conditions are:

- Bell Resources shareholders must approve the acquisition of Bell Group;
- Bell Resources to become entitled to acquire compulsorily all of Bell Group preference shares;
- substitution for convertible bonds issued by Bell Group of convertible bonds in Bell Resources.

Mr Alan Newman, Mr Holmes à Court's deputy, said the group's priority since October had been the disposal of non-core assets. Most of these had been owned by Bell Resources.

Earlier this month the Bell companies revealed they had devalued their share portfolio by Aus$900 million, reflecting the "full impact" of the share market crash.

"Having raised all that capital," Mr Newman said, "we then had to look at the structure. The obvious thing was to merge the Bell Group with Bell Resources.

"Why a bid by Bell Resources? Such a move only marginally increases the shares in issue because Bell Group owns 230 million shares in Bell Resources.

"I wouldn't rule out the possibility of further restructuring," he said.

Yesterday's announcement was made after trading had ceased.

Initial reaction from stockbrokers was favourable. One said: "It means all the debt will be consolidated under one roof – and so will the assets."

However, another added: "Nobody in the NCSC (National Companies and Securities Commission, Australia's corporate watchdog) will be able to sleep for the next two weeks."

Evered agrees £50m swap

By Cliff Feltham

In an unusual swap deal, Evered Holdings, the industrial group built up by Mr Osman Abdullah and his brother Raschid, is taking over the quarry and building products division of Raine Industries and handing over its own housebuilding business in a £50 million transaction.

The move confirms the ambitions of Evered to become a leading force in building products and places a question mark over the future role of its existing engineering activities.

Evered is buying the quarry, concrete products and civil engineering side of Raine's offshoot, Aberdeen Construction, for £15.7 million. Raine will strip out an £8 million cash dividend.

At the same time, Raine is purchasing Evered's housebuilding division – acquired as part of the takeover of London and Northern – for £3.3 million and also taking aboard borrowings of £14.5 million. Evered will keep £10 million of dividends.

Both sides said the deal made sense. Mr Peter Parkin, Raine's chief executive, said: "This will further our strategy of developing interests in the more profitable sectors of the construction industry and will double our housebuilding completions to approaching 2,000 units in the coming year."

The housebuilding division, which includes Fletcher and Border Homes and a builder of sheltered housing, earned pretax profits of £2 million last year.

In return, Evered is buying Aberdeen-based John Fyfe, which owns quarries, sand and gravel pits, ready mixed concrete plants, and an architectural stone business, and Hall & Tawse, which has quarry and road building operations. The two businesses contributed £1.5 million last year.

The Abdullahs expect the group's future growth to come from the building and quarry products sector which is expected to contribute a third of profits in the current year rising to 85 per cent over the next three to four years.

There are no plans to sell the traditional engineering businesses although they clearly will play a much smaller part in the group's expansion.

Both parts of the deal were well received in the stock market. Evered shares rose 7p to 125p, and Raine went 2p better at 92p.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Gary Klesch loses his glittering prizes

Gary Klesch has failed to arrive, cheque in hand, to buy the wholesale money broking operations of Mercantile House. The deal is off, British & Commonwealth has not had its £280 million and the wholesale money broking operations, MW Marshall & Co and William Street Holdings, are up for sale again.

Conventional wisdom is that Klesch could not come up with the cash and if that is indeed the case, then there are a number of crucial questions to be answered. The other suggestion is that Marshall's own management scuppered the deal by being uncooperative. The management was at one time in the front line to buy the business, backed by a one-time Mercantile House shareholder, CrownX of Canada.

There are two indisputable truths within the web of rumour. The first is that the team at Marshall had no wish whatsoever to work for Mr Klesch and his company, Quadrex. The second is that with the Quadrex deal off, the management has another chance to bid for the company.

With regard to the first, Mr Klesch is not everybody's idea of the perfect employer. He is as tough as his working class, Cleveland, Ohio roots suggest. He is hard, ruthless and has no time for democracy in his companies. One of his favourite sayings is that he does not let the prisoners run the prison. Marshall and William Street are people businesses, they are as strong only as the skills and contacts of those who work for them. And those people are not keen to enter a prison where Mr Klesch is the jailer.

As for the second, why, there's plenty of money about for backing management buyouts. Even Citicorp, which backed Klesch to the tune of $800 million when he bought out his Arab partners in Quadrex and was understood to be backing the money broking acquisition, declared yesterday that the leveraged acquisition business remained a cornerstone of its British strategy.

But supposing that, as B&C and most of the City believe, Quadrex simply couldn't come up with the cash? That is far more serious.

Quadrex was itself a potential bidder for the whole of Mercantile House last year, not just the money broking operations. Under the code, a bidder needs more than a two-penny bit and a pocketful of promises before it makes a bid and Klesch's credit was reckoned to be good. It was assumed still to be good when the agreement was struck for the acquisition of the money broking side. The deal was taken seriously by Mercantile House, by B&C, by SG Warburg and by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, all of which has involvement in the matter. But more important, there were clearly no doubts in the mind of the Bank of England, which nodded and winked its consent.

The reason is that Quadrex was bankrolled by Midland Montagu and Citibank and B&C says it did receive verbal assurance from Montagu that the money was there, waiting. The two banks lent their credibility to Klesch, but apparently are not now prepared to lend their money to his company.

The question is, why?

Merrett names in cash call

By Alison Eadie

Lloyd's names on non-marine syndicate 90, owned by Merrett Holdings, are being asked to stump up an average £10,000 each to meet worsening claims on asbestosis and pollution risks arising from the 1982 underwriting year. The cash call will boost the IBNR (incurred but not reported claims reserves) to $24 million (£13.6 million) for the 1974 and prior account.

Mr David Robson, chairman of Pulbrook Underwriting Management, the Merrett subsidiary which runs the syndicate, said: "We regret having to make this call on names, but we now have to increase our reserves to meet potential claims arising, mainly, from the excessive awards being handed out in US courts."

Merrett, which intends to seek a stock market listing later this year, bought Pulbrook three years ago from Stewart Wrightson, the Lloyd's broker. In the 1950s and 1960s syndicate 90 was one of the larger Lloyd's non-marine syndicates writing business giving rise to pollution claims.

Names were asked to pay up 55 per cent of their underwriting commitment or "line" in mid-1985, soon after syndicate 90 was acquired by Merrett. The latest call represents 25 per cent of a line.

Syndicate 90's 1985 results, due to be reported in May due to the three-year accounting lag at Lloyd's, are expected at the very least to show a modest underwriting profit.



Trade mission: Lord Young (left) announcing the news yesterday, with Adrian Moorey (centre) of the DTI, and Rocco Forte of Trusthouse Forte (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Young leads Japan drive

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is to lead a top-level group of British industrialists to Japan later this month as part of a new campaign to boost trade links between the two countries.

He announced the move yesterday and urged companies to take a fresh look at the "new opportunities in the new Japan".

He said: "We need to shift our perception of Japan from problem to major opportunity – a new Japan from which Britain can and must profit," he said. Long-term commitment and the right approach will bring opportunity and profit, he said.

Lord Young described the industrialists accompanying him to Japan from March 13 to 16 as one of the most influential groups of businessmen any Secretary of State had led abroad.

"Most of their companies are already established in Japan, but they, like me, are keen to reassess Japan, both as an export market and as an industrial partner."

When they return from Japan, they will pass on their findings and observations to other companies, Lord Young said.

Appreciation of the yen against other currencies and pressure from Japan's main trading partners for fair market access had resulted in a profound shift in attitudes of Japanese business and government, he said.

Opec 'is adhering to output quotas'

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has reacted to the world drop in oil prices by saying that it is adhering to its price and production quota agreement.

North Sea oil prices are slowly climbing back above the $15 a barrel mark, but several traders and the big oil companies have suggested that Opec may have to convene an emergency meeting if it is to bring prices back under control.

Opec said yesterday that output was now running at 17.5 million barrels a day, lower than normal winter demand. Opec had hoped that by trimming output it could force the price up to its target of $18 a barrel. However, the comparatively mild winter and the high level of stocking in the Western industrialized world has led to falling demand.

It is understood that some producing countries are offering discounts of as much as $4 a barrel.

Addison to demerge Michael Page

By Lawrence Lever

Addison Consultancy Group is to demerge its marketing services and recruitment consultancy businesses into two separately quoted vehicles, just three years after originally combining them via the merger between Addison Consultancy and Michael Page.

The two were USM minnows at the time of the 1985 merger and have diversified considerably since then, including merging with the Chetwynd Streets consultancy.

Under the demerger plan the recruitment consultancy division of Addison will be hived off into a new company, called Michael Page Group, which will seek a stock market listing.

Addison shareholders will receive shares in Michael Page Group in proportion to their shareholding.

Addison has reported strong profits growth and yesterday estimated record profits before tax of £8.5 million for last year.

Profits are evenly split between the two businesses and the demerger will therefore involve converting each share in Addison into two shares – one in Addison and another in the new company.

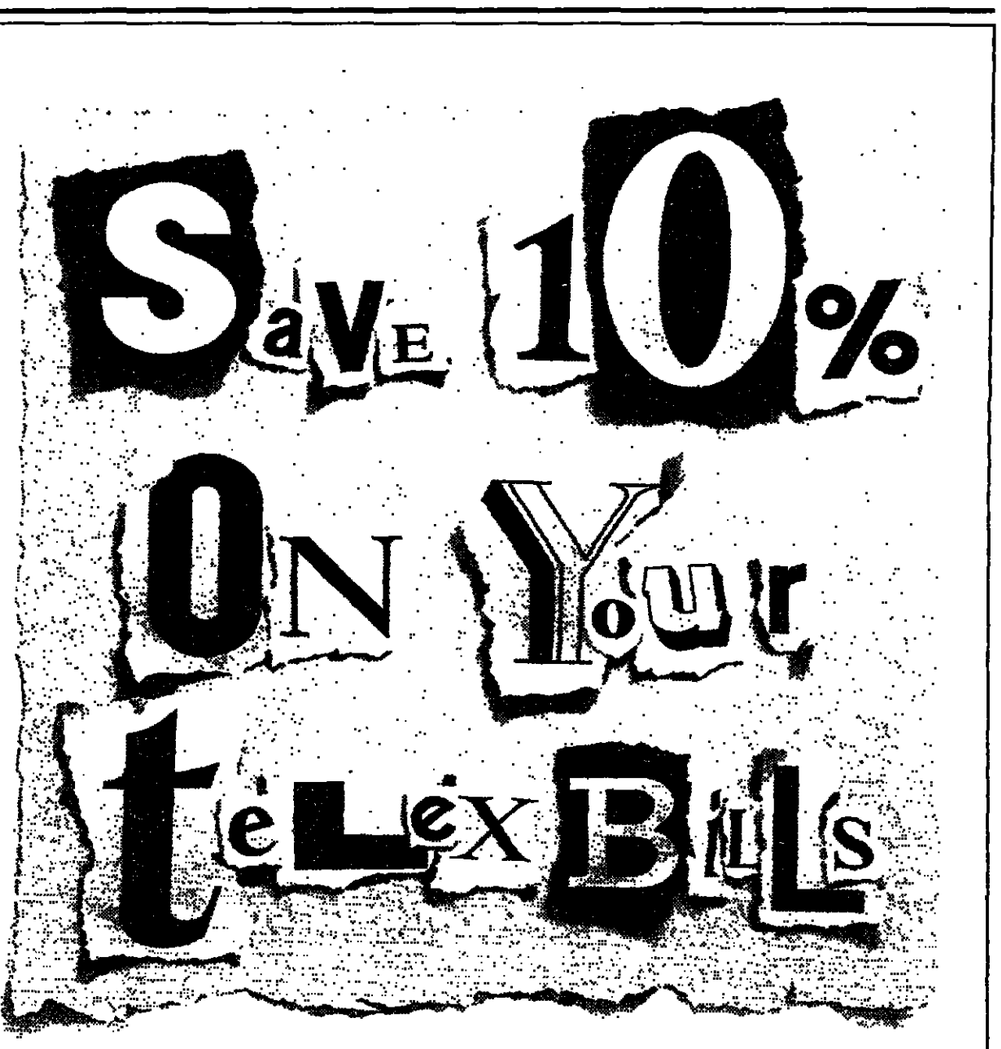
One of the principal reasons for the demerger is that Addison believes its stock market value does not reflect the true worth of its business. Before the demerger announcement it was valued at £49.3 million and had a price-earnings ratio of 9.8.

"The actual performance of our shares within the sector has not reflected the strength and value of our businesses," said Mr Michael Page, the joint-chief executive of Addison, yesterday. The stock market appeared to endorse this view, with Addison's shares rising 9p on the announcement, to 98p.

The shares were in the doldrums last year. Even before the October market crash they were hovering around the 150p mark, and the crash sent them down to the 80p level.

Mr Page added that the two businesses were managed autonomously and "do not add a great deal to each other".

He said that there was no acrimony involved in the demerger.



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Yamani's ironic return

It is curious how changing fashions change more than the length of women's dresses and the cut of men's lapels. As the architect of the painful oil shocks of the 1970s and 1980s, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani often came in for the sort of abuse that many architects expect as part of the job. Yamani was Opec personified, and became a convenient figure to blame for the way Opec held the West's economies hostage for so many years, inflicting lasting damage. How ironic, then, that as the world price of oil plunges, Yamani finds himself being feted. He was in London last night to collect the annual award of the International Association of Energy Economists for his contributions to energy economics and its literature. Yamani, who has a taste for elegant Saville Row suits and hand-made shoes from Lobb's, once sent shivers down the spines of oil dealers and prime ministers alike. But he is now an extremely relaxed member of the public. The brains behind most of Opec's policy during its first 25 years, now he devotes himself to his law practice in Saudi Arabia – the fact that he has appointed many women to senior posts within his firm is believed to have played a part in his fall from grace in the eyes of Saudi's ruling royal family – and to spending time with his teenage daughters and three smaller children. The current weakness of oil prices – despite the bullish influence of the Iran-Iraq war – has been magnified by the way the West has gradually learned to cut its oil consumption and lessen its vulnerability to pressure from Middle East producers. Perhaps Yamani was being honoured for his part in coaxing the West to change its oil-loving habits.

Accounting, the cost

It is not just that policemen start looking younger as you grow older. Young accountants' salaries also become more creative with age. Accountants who qualify this month can probably talk themselves into salaries of up to £24,000, and high-fliers can expect a car. Even more shocking for those who thought that youngsters doing their articles still paid their employers for the privilege, a big accountancy firm has been offering up to £13,500 a year to tempt graduates into a life of ledgers. I can only assume that this expensive new breed of auditors has dreamed up such lucrative new tax dodges that clients do not blanch at the fees.

Credit debit

The blood-letting continues in the City. Den norske Creditbank, the London subsidiary of Norway's bank of the same name, has drawn in its horns and stopped making markets in Eurobonds. In all, 25 of the bank's former employees will today join the hundreds already strolling jobless through the Square Mile. Ten are going from Eurocurrency trading, five are back-up staff, two are from equity-related bonds and eight are office administrators. Many of those made redundant were recruited from Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, only two years ago. Two of them, Norwegians from head office, could be making their way back to Oslo. "The emphasis on securities trading has now been reduced," says a spokesman for the bank. "We will be concentrating on more profitable activities, like commercial banking and foreign exchange."



"Can't decide whether to apply for shares, or save the money for higher power bills"

Stout party

A little of the old Guinness slipped into the champagne at the Savoy wedding breakfast of City public relations man Brian Basham of Broad Street Associates. Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director who has been helping police to unravel the curious circumstances of Guinness's takeover of Distillers, turned up with his wife to join the wedding celebrations on Saturday morning. Other guests looked in vain for James Gulliver, boss of the Argyll supermarkets group and now chairman of Broad Street, who had lured Basham on to his team when he was locked in battle with Guinness for Distillers. Such a chance reunion might have made interesting small talk over the scrambled eggs, but unfortunately Gulliver had to dash off skiing. Had Gulliver and Roux chanced to meet at the Savoy, they would merely have added to the surprise of Basham and his journalist bride Eileen Wise, who had expected to meet a clutch of close friends after signing the register at Marylebone, not the 100 or so guests that Basham's staff had secretly invited to the impromptu celebration party.

- News from America that the annual swimsuit edition of *Sports Illustrated* is the nation's most-often-stolen publication is worth considering by companies designing their next closely-typed prospectus or annual report. The answer, clearly, is to include a few articles on synchronized swimming.

Joe Joseph

Sad, bad but ignored

The Treasury expected crash-shocked markets to react in horror to January's record monthly trade deficit, which came just when forecasters hoped for a mild improvement. So Great George Street put out a special explanation to the figures (normally the DTI's province), blaming the new Single Administrative Document (SAD).

The sudden fall in exports to other EEC countries, accompanied by buoyant imports from them, simply showed that the continentals were more efficient than the British, so there was really no problem.

The Treasury evidently thought the proposition that improvements in documentation made it harder to know what was going on would carry conviction. It need not have bothered. After an initial markdown, cutting gilt-edged prices by about half a point, the markets decided to ignore the figures and were recovering of their own accord.

The market explanation is that investment institutions have so much cash that they are not too interested in selling anything at the moment. They are waiting for opportunities to buy – of which this was clearly not one – and therefore stayed on the sidelines.

The less convincing financial reasoning for this lack of reaction was that the trade figures cut the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre and therefore ensured the cautious Budget the financial markets are looking for. If tax cuts are limited to £3.5 billion, the Treasury might have to raise no more on the gilt-edged market in 1988-89 than the £4 billion-£5 billion needed to replace expiring debt.

More cynical observers noted that the Treasury was probably more anxious because it knew more about what was going to be in the Budget than the markets did.

Unless the statistical distortions are far higher than the DTI supposes, the trade trend is certainly worrying to anyone looking beyond the Budget, especially to employment trends. It underlines that short-term interest rates are still more likely to rise further than fall.

How the world's banks are helping Brazil and Mexico to fight debt

Balancing Latin America's books

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

Just a year after Brazil sparked the latest phase of the Latin American debt crisis by imposing a moratorium on interest payments on $68 billion (£38.35 billion) owed to foreign banks, bankers and governments have made two breakthroughs in solving it.

Over the weekend, Brazil reached an agreement with representatives of commercial banks on a $5.8 billion medium-term financing package. The deal, announced in New York late on Sunday, provides Brazil with the new money at a rate 13/16 points above the London Interbank Offered Rate (Libor). That is on a par with Mexico and half the premium Brazil was previously charged.

At the same time Mexico, whose earlier financial rehabilitation was destroyed by the sharp fall in oil prices, started assessing the results of its plan to save interest by swapping bank debts for bonds. Bids from bank creditors for up to $10 billion of the new bonds had to be in by midnight on Friday.

The moves come just days after top British banks confirmed provisions of between 27 and 35 per cent against debts owed by a range of developing countries, plunging two of the big four into unprecedented annual losses.

Brazil's preliminary agreement, struck between Senhor Fernando Milliet, the president of the Banco Central do Brasil, and Mr William Rhodes, the chairman of the Bank Advisory Committee for Brazil, includes $5.8 billion in new money covering from 1987 through to the middle of 1989.

The two sides hope to complete the agreement in time for a meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank in the third week of March.

Brazil will pay $700 million out of its reserves to cover interest to commercial bank creditors worldwide, making it up-to-date with its 1988 interest payments.

The deal effectively meets Brazil's demand that the banks should provide about two-thirds of the money it needs to meet interest payments. But the banks have insisted that the two are not formally linked.

Mr Rhodes said that the talks to date on the medium-term package and the upcoming interest payments show "significant progress in restoring Brazil's traditionally good relations with its commercial bank creditors".

Banks which, as a result of the moratorium, eliminated or severely restricted short-term trade credit facilities or interbank credit lines, will also now restore normal relations, effectively boosting Brazil's total extra credit beyond $6 billion.

The interest payments Brazil will make for the remainder of January and all of February complement a $350 million payment made on February 2 towards interest due in January.

With next week's payment, Brazil will have paid approximately $2.7 billion to creditor banks since December 30, of which more than $1.7 billion will have come from Brazil's reserves.

Senhor Mailson Nobrega, the Brazilian finance minister, said the accord resolved 90 per cent of Brazil's foreign debt problem. He hoped it would allow payment over 25 years, with a grace period of between eight and 10 years, and added that Brazil and its creditors could officially end the suspension of interest payments when they reached a final agreement.

He also said that once Brazil reaches a long-term accord with the banks it will attempt to reach agreement with the International Monetary Fund to end a three-year impasse.

Bankers regard the Brazilian agreement as the most important pointer to the atmosphere in international banking. But Mexico's attempt to swap bonds for bank debt could be more significant as a precedent for other countries, such as Argentina.

Under a scheme suggested by Morgan Guaranty, Mexico asked the banks to bid for the bonds at a discount, thus cutting its debt burden, formalizing bank write-offs but offering better security.

The scheme was voluntary. Some Japanese banks have been enthusiastic but other banks, notably the British, have not. Mexico has until Friday to announce which bids it has accepted. It wants the maximum discount on as much debt as possible.

Given the extent of bank write-offs, many international banks will not want to offer a discount of more than a third, even if they are prepared to settle for even that as a formal loss. Mexico would doubtless consider the offer a success if it sold $5 billion or more in bonds at such a price.

Lawson urged to end tax relief on profit-related pay

By Roland Rudd

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was yesterday urged to abandon his experiment with tax relief for profit-related pay (PRP) in his forthcoming Budget.

Vista, the employee communications specialist, believes that the Government's experiment in PRP has failed. It is urging the Chancellor to offer companies tax incentives for a more open style of management.

Drawing on its annual communications survey and government figures, Mr Peter Walker, the managing director of Vista, said: "Profit-related pay has failed to capture the imagination of industry.

"At best managers believe it is irrelevant in putting across key messages to the workforce; at worst others believe it leads to demoralization, as efforts by staff have little effect on profits, particularly in large companies."

In a survey of 339 British companies with a total of 2.47 million employees, Vista found that only 4 per cent believed that profit-related pay had any significant effect on output.

The survey is backed by figures from the Inland Revenue which show that only 146 companies introduced the scheme after 26,000 showed initial interest when the incentive scheme was first introduced.

The annual cost to the Exchequer is £5 million which Vista believes would be better spent encouraging companies to comply with a legal obligation requiring them to explain in their company reports their methods of communication with workers.

Mr Walker believes that too many employees are kept in the dark. "Managers should be persuaded to go on the shopfloor themselves and explain their strategy in a manner that PRP was meant to transmit."

Regulators close two insolvent US savings banks

New York (Reuter) — United States federal regulators have closed down two insolvent California savings banks, transferring their insured deposits to healthy savings and loan institutions at a cost of $122.7 million (£69.2 million) to the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

The insured deposits of Mt Whitney Savings and Loan Association were transferred to the Guardian Savings and Loan Association, also in California, while the insured deposits of the Ramona Federal Savings and Loan Association were shifted to the Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, in Minnesota.

Guardian Savings paid the FSLIC a discount of 1.67 per cent of Mt Whitney's insured deposits — or approximately $1.27 million — to acquire the accounts.

At the same time, Midwest Federal paid FSLIC a discount of 5.5 per cent of Ramona's insured deposits, or approximately $5.6 million, in order to gain Ramona's accounts and California branching rights.

Mt Whitney and Ramona are the fourth and fifth FSLIC insurance settlements in 1988. FSLIC resolved 17 troubled savings banks through insurance settlements in 1987, including two in California.

Since FSLIC was recapitalized on August 10 last year, it has resolved 26 failing institutions.

Mt Whitney had assets of $33.7 million, $75.5 million in liabilities, and $75 million in deposits.

Ramona had assets of $44.6 million, liabilities of $110.3 million, and deposits of $102 million.

The FSLIC also announced that it has instituted legal proceedings against the former managements of both institutions.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 29	March 11	June 6	June 13

Call options were taken out on: 29/2/88 Premier Cons., W Lawrence, AG Stanley, Marks & Spencer, Freshbake Foods, Inoco, Amstrad, AB Eng., ERA Group.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	450	Coats	994	Land Sec	883	Rowntree	252
Allid-Lyons	6478	CU	616	Laporte	4	Royal Bank	653
Amstrad	1115	Cons Gold	615	L&G	3672	Royal Ins	903
ASDA	898	Cookson	217	Lloyds	5508	Saatchi	977
AB Foods	41	Courtaulds	508	Lonrho	2761	Sainsbury	1202
Argyll	1216	Dalgety	283	Lucas	773	Scot & N	944
BAA	429	Dee	4217	Magnet	76	Sears	999
BET	3083	Dixons	1178	M&S	4746	Sedgwick	1113
BTR	1859	ECC	135	Maxwell Cm	260	Shell	1758
BAT	1272	Enterprise	423	MEPC	585	Smith & N	464
Barclays	1958	Ferranti	1580	Metal Box	179	STC	2166
Bass	274	Fisons	2269	Midland	1742	Stan Chart	45
Beecham	280	Gen Acc	304	NatWest	6349	Storehse	2432
Beazer	69	GEC	3681	Next	323	Sun Allince	297
BICC	726	Glaxo	1087	Nth Food	757	T & N	101
Blue Arrow	5847	Globe	530	P&O	245	Tarmac	1165
Blue Circle	176	Granada	3609	Pearl	42	Tate & Lyle	157
BOC	555	Grand Met	1689	Pearson	238	TSB	2887
Boots	1606	GUS 'A'	262	Pilkington	928	Tesco	3396
BPB	806	GRE	173	Plessey	4726	Thorn EMI	301
Br Aero	258	GKN	328	Prudential	1443	Trafalgar	507
Br Airways	3219	Guinness	1131	Racal	1368	THF	436
Br Comm	1091	Hamm 'A'	8	Rk Hovis	190	Ultramar	766
Br Gas	2297	Hanson	4771	Rank	324	Unigate	516
Br Petrol	6777	Hawker	241	R&C	20	Unilever	896
Br Telecm	2141	Hawley	1343	Redland	737	United Bis	486
Britoil	5	Hillsdown	166	Reed	228	Utd News	414
Bunzl	564	IMI	318	Reuters	326	Wellcome	710
Burmah	623	ICI	2234	RMC Gp	91	Whitbrd	416
Burton	2802	Jaguar	1,819	RTZ	778	Willis Fab	308
C&W	1302	Lasmo	386	R-Royce	1503	Woolworth	1200
Cadbury	2085	Ladbroke	391	Rothmn 'B'	270	Equities page 31	

Gevaert chief defends Benedetti link in battle over La Générale

Brussels (Reuter) — Mr André Leysen, chairman of Gevaert, has defended his decision to enter a partnership with Signor Carlo de Benedetti in the battle for Société Générale de Belgique. He said he would do all he could to end the fight.

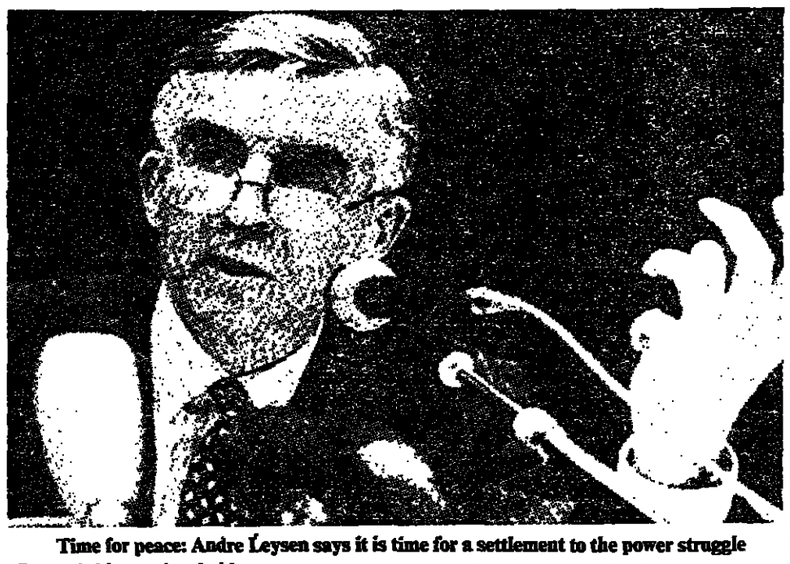
"We think this is the moment for a general settlement," Mr Leysen said. "'*Dallas* without women' has lasted long enough," he added, referring to the name some reporters have given the six-week-old battle for control of the vast holding company.

Under the complex pact signed early yesterday, Gevaert sold its 598,000 shares in La Générale to an unnamed international institution, at a price around last Friday's bourse level of Bfr8,060 (£129), said Mr Leysen.

Some sources said the shares had cost Gevaert less than Bfr2,500 each last December, giving the company a gross capital gain on the sale of around Bfr3.3 billion.

In the second stage of the deal, sources said, Gevaert bought about 1 million shares in La Générale from Signor de Benedetti or his allies at a much lower price than it had sold for.

The operation enabled Gevaert to raise its stake in La Générale to 3.6 per cent from 2.2 per cent, and still make an unspecified profit. Under the pact, Gevaert's stake will be held in a new holding company set up with Signor de Benedetti and Cobepa, a Belgian affiliate of France's Paribas and the third member of the partnership. Cobepa is Gevaert's biggest shareholder.



Time for peace: Andre Leysen says it is time for a settlement to the power struggle

The new holding will have a total of 4.5 million shares in La Générale, just under 16 per cent of its current capital. Signor de Benedetti will take a 55 per cent stake in the holding, and Gevaert and Cobepa 22.5 pct each.

Mr Leysen declined to say what stake in La Générale was now under Signor de Benedetti's effective control after the deal. The Italian businessman said last week that he and his allies held 45 per cent of La Générale. An alliance of French, Belgian, Luxemburg and Swiss companies says it has 52 per cent.

"The discussion of percentages is completely unreal. The fact is there are two blocs which have to sit down together," Mr Leysen said.

He said everyone within his camp favoured a settlement. "We are tending the olive branch."

Mr Leysen said he had worked earlier in the battle to bring about a settlement between all shareholders. "But in the last fortnight things have completely changed and there are now two strong blocs, neither of which can be circumvented. We thought it would be useful for Signor de Benedetti to have a Belgian anchorage so that now all known shareholders are in one of the two camps," he added.

Mr Maurice Lippens, managing director of the Belgian insurer Groupe AG, one of the leaders of the opposition alliance, said he was astonished by Mr Leysen's decision to side with Signor de Benedetti. He said the Gevaert chief appeared to have broken a pledge to consult La Générale itself before choosing camps.

Mr Leysen declined to say which international institution Gevaert had sold to. Asked whether the shares had ended up with Signor de Benedetti, he said: "We don't know, but why not with one of his many friends ?"

Irving warning on Fed bid approval

New York (Reuter) — Irving Bank Corporation has said the Federal Reserve's approval of The Bank of New York's takeover bid for Irving opens the way for a proxy battle.

"The Fed's approval does not change the nature of the proposal, which continues to make no business sense and is not in the best long-term interests of Irving," the bank said in a prepared statement.

The Bank of New York must raise $264 million (£149.15 million) of capital in common stock or preferred stock to purchase an equivalent amount of Irving shares, Irving said.

Raising the minimum $160 million needed to complete any transaction would seriously dilute the value of BNY stock, which must also be approved by that bank's shareholders, Irving said.

If BNY needed to amend its offer, it would have to consult the Fed on whether a new application was needed.

Irving said it would inform its shareholders, two-thirds of whom have to approve the plan, of the pitfalls BNY could have in implementing its purchase plan.

If the Securities and Exchange Commission accepted The Bank of New York's offering materials, BNY could still not begin buying additional Irving shares until 30 days after Fed approval, the Irving officials said.

In addition, under New York State law, BNY would be prohibited from merging with Irving for at least five years if it purchased more than 20 per cent of Irving's stock without approval from the Irving board, which has so far turned down three BNY proposals.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	248 +1
Ald Restaurants	63
Ass-Henriques 71hp	84 +1
Brit Pet P/P	62½ +½
Carron Phoenix (120p)	148
City Grove;(100p)	118 +1
Copymore (130p)	141
Eurotunnel	278
Eurotunnel Wrnts	20½
Firstland	60
Fairway London	83
Gardiner Gp (30p)	40
Hard Rock Cafe	123 +2
Do 'A'	82 –1
Hatfield Est (100p)	111
ISA Intl (80p)	106 –2
Inshops (52p)	66
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	158 +2
Nestor-BNA (75p)	97
Record (88p)	68 +2
Shaftsbury (180p)	148
Shanks McEwan (150p)	745
Sharco	109 +1
Sykes-Pickavant	116
TGI (130p)	133
TIP Europe	141 –1
Triton Hldgs (80p)	83
Tomorrows Leisure	28 –2
USDC Inv	108
Waverley Mining	78

RIGHTS ISSUES

Aero Eng N/P	3 –4
Brewmaker N/P	14 –½
Cambium N/P	2
Gr West 6% N/P	
Howden N/P	24
Lon Inv N/P	2
Paringa N/P	15
Press Tools N/P	68

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.00%

Management buyouts

Cashflow problems along the road to independence

When Glaxo, the big drugs company, decided to put a minor subsidiary, Evans Medical, up for sale, the managers spotted a chance to put in their own bid.

It was an opportunity to break away from the grip of a massive corporation and strike out on their own. But rivals in the marketplace saw it as an opportunity to take a business when it was down and kick it out of existence.

The bid by the managers succeeded, but the company soon found itself caught in a classic vice-like squeeze. Evans is a mass producer of unbranded drugs. Because both content and quality are heavily regulated, it is an industry where produce differentiation is close to zero, and price rules all other factors.

Like other management buyouts, Evans had been bought by taking on board high levels of debt that then had to be repaid out of cashflow. It was this weakness Evans's rivals latched onto. They launched a price war. It was a low blow, aimed at putting Evans out of business.

"Our competitors threw the book at us. Our first year was pretty horrific," Mr David Moffat, the managing director, said.

In the end Evans survived, and when its competitors saw that it would pull through, the price war soon subsided. Its experience, however, demonstrates the kind of swampy territory management buyout teams enter.

Following trends set in the United States, buyouts have taken off with remarkable speed in this country. Whereas in 1980 just more than £50 million was spent by managers buying out their own companies, by 1985 that figure had risen to above £1 billion. Last year more than £1 billion was spent in a single month.

Growth has been stoked by a desire for independence among managers, and by the prospect of mouth-watering profits should the business prosper. Those same profits have attracted a host of high-powered financiers into the arena, willing to lend ever higher amounts. Yet amid all the excitement the risks associated with highly geared buyouts tend to have been played down.

At the Centre for Management Buyout Research, based at Nottingham University, it is estimated that about one in 10 buyouts fail. But, as Mr Mike Wright, of the Centre points out, that figure masks a far larger number where buyouts have to be re-financed, or the original buyout team replaced.

The most common fear among managers contemplating a buyout is that the high level of debt taken on to finance the acquisition will drive the company into insolvency. That seldom happens, since companies in purely financial difficulties can convert debt back into

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equity and escape that way.

But if companies do not go bust as a direct result of high gearing, the levels of debt do, in some cases, have a more subtle effect, cutting down on the room for manoeuvre, and restricting the room for development.

The gradual closing down of options was the experience at Melville Technology, a precision engineering company making measuring equipment. Melville was bought out from its parent, the old Alfred Herbert Group, in 1980. Five years later the managers handed over to a new team.

The problem at Melville was not an inability to meet the interest payments on their debt. Once interest payments had been made Melville found there was nothing to plough back into the business. Because Melville was already up to its ears in debt it was impossible to borrow further to finance expansion or product development.

Mr George Bloomfield, the managing director at Melville, described the situation as like being stuck in a treadmill, where profit forecasts could not be met because of a lack of investment, and investment could not be made because profit levels were not being reached. "It was a very frustrating experience," he recalls.

That trap is described by Mr Lance Blackstone, an accountant who advises on buyouts as "entering the land of the living dead". Once the institutional backers who put up the money for a buyout lose interest and once they decide the company is not going to provide the sort of quick returns they had hoped for, there is little hope for the business. "When you get into that situation no-one wants to know you," he said.

Other exmaples illustrate the heavy financial cost of buyouts that begin to turn sour on managers. Ansaphone, the pioneer of telephone answering machines was one of the largest management buyouts in 1981 when managers paid more than £13 million. Last year it was sold again, but this time for £2 million. The drop in value over the intervening years reflects the toll taken as imports chipped away at the market.

Problems beset Linguaphone, the old-established language education company, much faster. In 1984 its managers paid £4 million for the business, but then made the mistake of extending over-generous credit terms to distributors. That squeezed the cashflow, and bought the company to the brink of bankruptcy. Granville, the backers, stepped in with a rescue package that included replacing the managers — they made a heavy loss on their investment when shares they had paid £1 for were valued at 40p 12 months later.

By buying out a company, managers free themselves from one type of restriction, but introduce themselves to another.

Matthew Lynn

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyon. (*368)	300	75	78	-	1	5	-
	330	48	53	63	5	12	15
	360	23	33	45	15	25	28
Bass (*815)	750	85	105	125	10	22	28
	800	47	73	93	25	38	45
	850	23	50	68	53	65	72
Brit Air (*167)	140	31	32	38	2	6	9
	160	15	19	24	7	12	17
	180	4	10	16	18	25	28
Brit Corn (*295)	280	27	40	47	10	15	22
	300	14	25	32	20	27	35
	330	5	13	22	38	47	52
Brit Gas (*133)	130	9	15	18	4½	9	12
	140	3½	10	13	10½	13½	17
	150	¾	4	-	28	28	-
BP (*248)	240	18	28	33	8	11	17
	260	7	17	22	18	22	27
	280	1½	8½	-	35	35	-
Britoil (*498)	420	82	82	87	1	2	5
	460	41	45	50	3	6	10
	500	7	20	25	8	15	25
Cons Gold (*790)	800	45	85	110	52	80	110
	850	28	65	85	85	115	135
	900	14	53	-	135	150	-
Courtauld (*314)	300	25	35	45	9	20	22
	330	11	20	27	25	35	38
	360	4	11	18	48	60	62
	390	1½	6	-	78	82	-
Com Union (*328)	300	32	45	55	10	17	23
	330	14	25	35	27	32	38
	360	5	15	20	47	48	55
C & W (*348)	330	32	45	55	10	23	33
	360	16	33	40	27	38	45
	390	7	18	30	50	60	65
GEC (*155)	140	20	26	27	2	5	9
	160	7	14	17	9½	12	15
	180	2	6	10	25	28	30
GKN (*317)	280	44	52	58	5	12	18
	300	24	37	44	13	20	28
	330	10	23	30	30	36	43
	360	3	13	-	57	60	-
Grand Met (*460)	390	78	80	-	2	7	-
	420	52	62	77	6	15	20
	460	23	45	55	18	28	33
	500	8	25	35	45	50	55
ICI (*1077)	950	145	155	-	10	25	-
	1000	87	123	140	23	42	58
	1050	47	92	-	43	64	-
	1100	25	68	90	73	90	105
Jaguar (*338)	300	44	55	65	6	14	19
	330	23	35	48	18	25	32
	360	10	23	35	38	43	47
Land Sec (*500)	420	87	95	105	3	8	12
	460	55	63	78	8	20	25
	500	27	40	55	22	35	42
M & S (*379)	160	23	27	32	2½	6	10
	180	8	16	21	12	14	19
	200	2	9	13	27	30	33
R-Royce (*125)	120	11	15	19	6½	11	15
	130	5	10½	15	12	17	20
	140	2½	6¼	11	20	23	28
STC (*240)	220	25	38	43	4	11	16
	240	14	24	33	14	21	25
	260	7	18	24	27	32	36
Sainsbury (*220)	200	25	31	-	2	6	-
	220	10	17	24	6	14	15
	240	4	9	15	20	25	27
Shell (*1020)	1000	45	72	100	43	66	83
	1050	17	52	-	85	95	-
	1100	5	35	58	122	125	140
Storehse (*244)	220	33	42	43	5	12	13
	240	18	26	32	9	20	20
	260	7	15	20	20	30	32
	280	3	11	-	40	45	-
Trafalgar (*330)	300	38	45	52	7	12	15
	330	18	27	35	17	25	28
	360	7	14	25	37	43	48
TSB (*109)	110	7	11	14	5	9	11
	120	2¾	7	10	14	16	17
	130	1¾	4	-	23	24	-
Woolworth (*281)	260	30	37	43	5	15	20
	280	20	27	33	18	22	28
	300	9	18	25	27	37	42

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Amstrad (*156)	120	38	41	60	1	2	5
	130	26	32	37	1	4½	6
	140	17	26	33	2	7½	11
Barclays (*485)	450	70	75	82	3	12	18
	480	38	45	55	8	25	37
	500	6	23	35	40	50	62
Beecham (*460)	390	73	85	-	1	6	-
	420	43	65	70	3	12	22
	460	15	37	48	13	27	38
	500	4	20	32	43	48	60
Boots (*220)	220	7	17	26	6	17	21
	240	3	7	16	23	30	35
	260	1	5	11	42	49	51
BTR (*269)	240	30	46	45	1	8	14
	260	14	24	33	5	17	25
	280	4	15	25	17	30	35
Blue Circ (*432)	420	22	43	53	12	25	37
	460	6½	23	37	35	52	60
	500	2	13	25	70	87	92
Dixons (*186)	180	12	22	27	4	10	13
	200	3	12	17	16	23	27
	220	1½	6	12	36	36	40

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo (*1038)	950	100	130	165	6	28	45
	1000	60	95	135	17	47	62
	1050	28	85	110	35	45	85
	1100	15	48	-	72	95	-
Hanson (*138)	110	29	31½	-	¼	1	-
	120	19	22½	26½	½	3	4½
	130	10	15	20½	2	5½	8
	140	4	9½	15	5	10	12½
Hawker (*490)	450	75	80	95	2	13	22
	480	40	50	68	8	25	32
	500	15	28	45	25	42	53
Lonhro (*253)	220	35	41	46	2	7½	9
	240	16	27	33	5	13	15
	260	4	15	22	15	20	26
	280	1½	8	14	32	35	41
Midland (*404)	380	50	65	75	3	12	15
	390	22	42	52	10	20	30
	420	5	25	35	23	35	45
Sears (*130)	120	12	17	22	1½	5	10
	130	4	11	16	4	12	14
	140	2	7½	11	12	18	20
Tesco (*154)	140	16	21	25	1½	4	7
	150	3½	9	14	10	14	16
	183	1	-	-	31	-	-
Thorn EMI (*569)	500	72	94	105	3	10	24
	550	30	57	70	7	22	47
	600	5	32	42	39	60	67
	650	3	18	-	87	92	-
THF (*229)	200	33	40	44	1½	5	8
	220	13	24	30	4	11	14
	240	3½	13	21	15	20	25
Unilever (*493)	460	44	58	77	4	18	27
	500	17	37	55	17	37	47
	550	3½	16	35	57	70	77
Wellcome (*448)	360	91	100	117	1	7	13
	390	60	77	92	3	13	23
	420	35	58	78	8	23	32

	Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*101)	100	11	16	23	8	14	17
	110	5½	11	18	14	20	23
	120	4	7	-	21	25	-
Brit Aero (*354)	300	60	65	-	6	13	-
	330	35	43	52	17	25	32
	360	18	30	37	35	40	47
	390	7	17	25	55	60	67
BAT Ind (*430)	390	50	60	-	10	17	-
	420	30	43	53	23	30	35
	460	13	25	35	48	52	60
	500	5	-	-	80	85	-
Brit Tele (*243)	220	29	35	41	3½	8	12
	240	15	20	26	9	17	19
	260	6	11	16	20	28	32
Cadbury (*289)	220	52	58	-	3	6	-
	240	33	43	50	8	12	15
	260	22	31	38	16	19	23
Guinness (*256)	220	42	48	52	17	10	15
	240	25	33	40	13	17	25
	300	13	23	28	22	30	37
Ladbroke (*365)	300	73	75	-	3	7	-
	330	47	53	58	8	15	20
	360	25	33	42	20	25	30
LASMO (*292)	280	30	43	52	16	28	30
	300	17	28	38	28	41	42
	330	8	17	29	48	56	65
Pilkington (*229)	200	37	45	53	3	9	12
	220	25	32	38	10	17	20
	240	14	22	25	20	28	35
	260	7	12	-	36	43	-
Plessey (*164)	140	31	33	38	2½	8	10
	160	18	21	27	10	15	19
	180	9	14	-	21	26	-
P & O (*547)	480	92	102	-	5	13	-
	500	57	72	87	15	23	32
	550	27	45	62	35	45	52
Prudential (*837)	800	65	80	85	30	45	55
	850	35	55	70	60	60	75
	900	20	40	-	95	95	-
Racal (*221)	200	29	37	44	6	10	14
	220	18	25	33	14	18	23
	240	8	16	-	26	31	-
RTZ (*345)	320	62	72	-	13	20	-
	330	40	47	60	23	33	37
	360	22	32	42	42	47	54
	380	12	-	-	57	-	-
Vast Reefs (*583)	90	7	15	17	12	16	17
	100	5½	11	13	22	25	27
	110	4	9	-	32	35	-
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*106)	104	2¾	-	-	1/32	-	-
	106	1/32	-	-	2/32	-	-
	108	1/32	-	-	1⅛	-	-
	110	1/32	-	-	3⅛	-	-
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*120)	114	6⅝	6½	-	1/16	⅝	-
	116	4⅝	5	-	1/16	1	-
	118	2⅞	3⅝	-	1/16	1⅝	-
	120	1/32	2⅛	-	2/32	2⅝	-
	122	1/32	1⅛	-	2½	3⅝	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1787)

Series	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1600	171	178	195	—	½	8	15	—
1650	121	132	150	163	½	15	25	33
1700	71	93	113	127	½	25	38	48
1750	21	60	80	97	½	43	57	68
1800	½	38	55	73	30	67	80	92
1850	½	18	36	52	80	105	115	122
1900	½	9	20	35	130	145	152	160

February 29, 1988 Total: 14812 Calls 9009 Puts 5803 FT-SE: Calls 1346 Puts 1583

*Underlying security price.

ASDA - MFI GROUP PLC

Company Name Change

At the Extraordinary General Meeting of the company held on February 24, shareholders voted in favour of the resolution to change the name of the company

to

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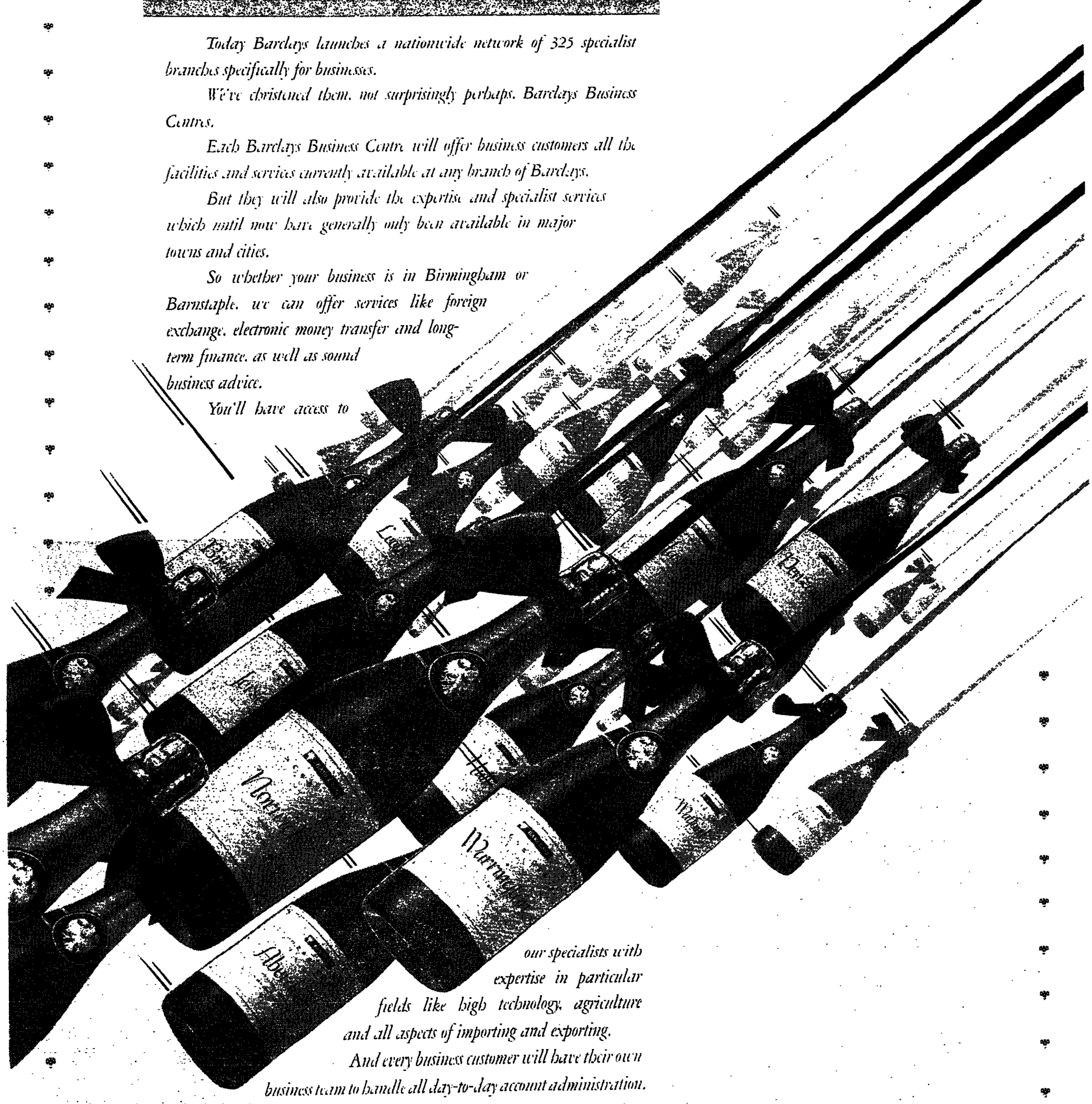
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Japanese vehicle exports decline 9.1% in January

Tokyo (Reuter) — Japan's vehicle exports fell to 524,785 in January, down 9.1 per cent from a year earlier, mainly because of lower exports to the United States and Europe, an official of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said yesterday.

Japan's vehicle exports had risen to 483,776 in December, up 2 per cent compared with the same period in 1986, after 10 consecutive months of year-on-year declines.

January exports comprised 391,599 cars, down 4.9 per cent from a year earlier; 130,455 lorries, down 20.2 per cent; and 2,731 buses; up 27.4 per cent.

Vehicle shipments to the United States fell to 199,904 in January, down 19.4 per cent from a year earlier while exports to the European Economic Community fell 9 per cent, to 158,527. The EEC figures exclude exports of 58,724 vehicles to West Germany, down from 64,714 a year earlier, and 28,813 to Britain, down from 33,058.

January shipments to South-east Asia rose 0.4 per cent from a year earlier, to 30,641, and those to the Middle East rose 49.1 per cent to 20,048. This included 12,102 deliveries to Saudi Arabia, up from 6,969 a year earlier.

Motorcycle exports fell to 131,939 in January, down 12.1 per cent from a year earlier. This also marked a decline of 22.2 per cent when compared with the previous month, the AMA official said.

Motorcycle exports to the US fell to 33,189 — from 45,779 a year earlier — and those to Europe fell from 56,393 to 47,347.

Daimler chairman rules out bid for Porsche

Bonn (Reuter) — Herr Edzard Reuter, the managing board chairman of Daimler-Benz, said it was unlikely Daimler would take over Porsche, the sports car maker.

Asked whether he believed Daimler would soon own Porsche, whose sales in the US have suffered from the dollar's fall, he said: "No. As long as Porsche itself believes it wants to pursue an independent path — and this is the case — there is no reason to react to speculation of this sort."

Herr Reuter, in an interview with the *Die Welt* newspaper, also urged a wage freeze in the West German car industry to keep costs under control.

"We simply need a break, a wage freeze, because given the fundamental changes in the foreign currency parities we have been too self-indulgent," he said.

The industry needed to control costs to meet the challenge from Japan, he said.

The Chancellor can be bold in his Budget, says Giles Keating

Radical action by Lawson could outflank the critics

The conventional wisdom is that Mr Nigel Lawson will announce a regressive package in his Budget two weeks today, with big tax cuts for high earners and a couple of pence for everyone else. It is widely expected that the Government will simply ignore the protests over NHS spending scheduled for Budget day. But although those protests will have little practical effect, they will act as a clear reminder of the redistributive effect of the Chancellor's measures.

He may be ready to outflank the protests, by introducing an unexpected twist to tax reform: changes that give a higher percentage rise in take-home pay to a nurse on £8,000 or £9,000 a year than they give to high earners on £50,000 or £60,000, while still meeting other political objectives such as big cuts in the top rates, no change to basic rate mortgage relief, and no cut in take-home pay for any significant group.

How can the Chancellor do this, particularly now that the economic situation is pointing to a net give-away no higher than £3 billion? Applied directly, this just about buys the conventional wisdom of a 50p top rate and 25p basic rate, which gives the nurses a pittance, the high earners a bonanza, and the Opposition a field day — and does something nasty to the South-east housing market into the bargain.

The solution is to take all those bright ideas that have been suggested over the last few months for squeezing higher earners, pile up the resulting revenues, and use them for a really dramatic cut in the basic rate. Various versions of this have been suggested, but none of them is bold enough, with the result that key groups are left worse off. That is simply not a political option.



Chance for change: Nigel Lawson may spring a surprise

A key element is the abolition of the upper earnings limit on National Insurance. It is a highly attractive change, yielding enough to pay for well over a 1p cut in the basic rate, but it has a sting in the tail. The crucial taxpayer is the married man with a mortgage, earning £25,000. He has reliefs of almost £7,000 (£3,000 mortgage relief plus the married allowance), so he just avoids paying higher-rate tax, which starts at about £18,000 of taxable income. At the moment, he pays National Insurance on earnings up to about £15,000. Abolish the upper limit, and he faces 9 per cent on £10,000 of currently exempt income. That is £900; a 5 per cent cut in the basic rate is needed to pay him back that amount of money.

So astonishingly, 5 per cent is virtually the minimum cut in the basic rate needed to make abolition of that upper limit politically feasible. That means the Chancellor must either retreat to the unexciting 25/50 package, or go for something much more radical; a 20p basic rate and 40p top rate, with abolition of the upper limit on National Insurance, abolition of higher rate relief on mortgages, and various other revenue-raising measures. He cannot reach this in one go if he is to honour the £3 billion limit on net tax cuts, but he should easily make it in two years.

Under such a change, the nurse without a mortgage on £9,000 a year has an increase in take-home pay of approaching £500. Surprisingly, given the dramatic cuts in tax rates, higher earners with mortgages have to earn about £35,000 in order to get more, and they have to be earning well over £50,000 to receive a percentage rise higher than the nurse's 7 per cent. If higher-rate relief on pension contributions were also withdrawn, the comparisons would become even more favourable to the nurse.

This is not an inflationary give-away; far from it, because its net cost is within £3 billion and because it slashes the value of mortgage relief, both by withdrawing higher-rate relief, and by lowering the basic rate. There is not really any new component to this package; abolishing the upper limit on National Insurance and higher-rate mortgage relief have been widely discussed. The key is to put it together and be bold. The demonstrators outside Parliament will be shooting at a target that has been removed.

The author is an international economist at Credit Suisse First Boston

Big firms tune into FM data processing

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Increasingly, Britain's larger companies, groups and organizations are handing over the running of their data processing and management information systems to outside agencies.

But a survey by Hoskyns, the computer services company, reveals that 60 per cent of City executives with responsibility for information technology know very little about the concept.

Hoskyns says facilities management (FM) can reduce accommodation costs for information technology departments by as much as 46 per cent in the centre of London and by 58 per cent in the Home Counties. For the large user, accommodation cost savings can be as high as £420,000 a year.

FM is a service whereby a supplier takes management and financial responsibility for all, or a large part of, data processing, taking over the staff, buying the hardware (or taking over the leases) and transferring the whole installation and running it from one of a number of special centres.

Hoskyns, Britain's largest FM company, has more than 150 client firms with contracts worth more than £1 million each. Its client list is impressive, including Hoover, Marley, Rockware Glass, Automotive Products, Bunzl Group, Rank Organisation and British Shipbuilders.

Later this week, the aerospace and defence product support division of Smiths Industries will sign a £1 million FM contract with Hoskyns to implement a new information technology strategy. It will be the third division of Smiths to opt for FM in the past six years.

At a time when there is pressure on the City to reduce staff, FM provides a means of shedding substantial numbers of people, while retaining their skills, says Mr Alex Lander, who is responsible for Hoskyns's FM programme.

Romtec, the research company, has predicted that FM will be one of the fastest expanding areas of the computer industry in the next five years, with an annual average growth rate of about 23 per cent.

Takeovers 'opening up Europe's equity trade'

By Colin Narbrough

The recent wave of takeovers on the Continent heralds the opening up of Europe's limited and closed equity markets — a development that will be reinforced when the single EEC market comes into force in 1992, Britain's pension funds have been told.

Miss Consuelo Brooke, head of international securities at Mercury Asset Management, told members of the National Association of Pension Funds that the impact of a truly common market was likely to be visible in the next year to 18 months.

Whatever the value of recent intra-European takeovers this was only the start. She said the European market would be driven by takeovers and restructuring, and anticipated that takeovers would stimulate the emerging value in European stocks.

Being a "super bear" on Europe, and gloomy to the point of irresponsibility, was wrong, she said.

APPOINTMENTS

Executive member named for City Takeover Panel

City Takeover Panel: **Mr Bill Morgan** has been made an executive member.

Barclays: **Mr Andrew Buxton** becomes managing director from May 1.

Apple Computer UK: **Mr John Leftwich** is now marketing director.

Charles Barker Human Resources: **Mr Bill Quirke** has been appointed managing director of the human resource consultancy and **Mr Michael Arnott** has been appointed vice-chairman. **Mr Jonathan Williams** becomes managing director designate and also joins the board of Charles Barker Recruitment.

Mayflower Group: **Mr Charles Dobson** joins as a director of Sterling Brokers.

Texas Eastern North Sea: **Mr Ronald Bennie** joins the board.

Midland Montagu Asset Management: **Mr Charles Lindsell** will be joining the board on March 21 as deputy managing director.

Vintners International: **Mr Richard Roberts** has been appointed vice president-export marketing.

Bradstock Penrose Forbes: **Mr Michael Forbes, Mr Alastair Gordon Cumming, Mr Robin Furber** and **Mr Gary Burke** have been appointed directors.

Project Management International: **Mr Clive Rose** has been made a director.

London & Scottish Marine Oil: **Professor Sir James Ball** joins the board.

Northern Telecom Europe: **Mr Roger Martin** has been appointed vice-president of public affairs.

Plessey: **Mr Christopher Thompson** has been made a main board director.

The Economist Newspaper: **Mr Jeremy Wagener** has been appointed group finance director.

Plus Two: **Mr Roger Warman** has been made a director.

Matthews & Goodman: **Mr Keith Adams** has been appointed an associate.

BP Shipping: **Mr Nick Hartley** is now chief executive.

Nimbus Records: **Mr Peter Laister** becomes chairman. **Mr Kevin Maxwell** joins the board as a non-executive director and **Count Alexander Labinsky** becomes president.

Kinross & Render: **Mr Tony Hooper** has been appointed non-executive chairman.

The Building Research Establishment: **Mr Michael Baker** has been made deputy director, succeeding **Mr Roger Courtney** who becomes director on April 1.

Belhaven Brewery: **Mr Timothy King** has been appointed managed and tied sales director.

Griffin Factors: **Mr Trevor Deakin** has joined the board.

Brown Shipley Insurance Group: **Mr Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie** will become chairman of Brown Shipley Insurance Brokers and **Mr Christopher Barker** and **Mr Graham Ford** managing directors of the marine and non-marine divisions respectively. **Mr Victor Ray** will become



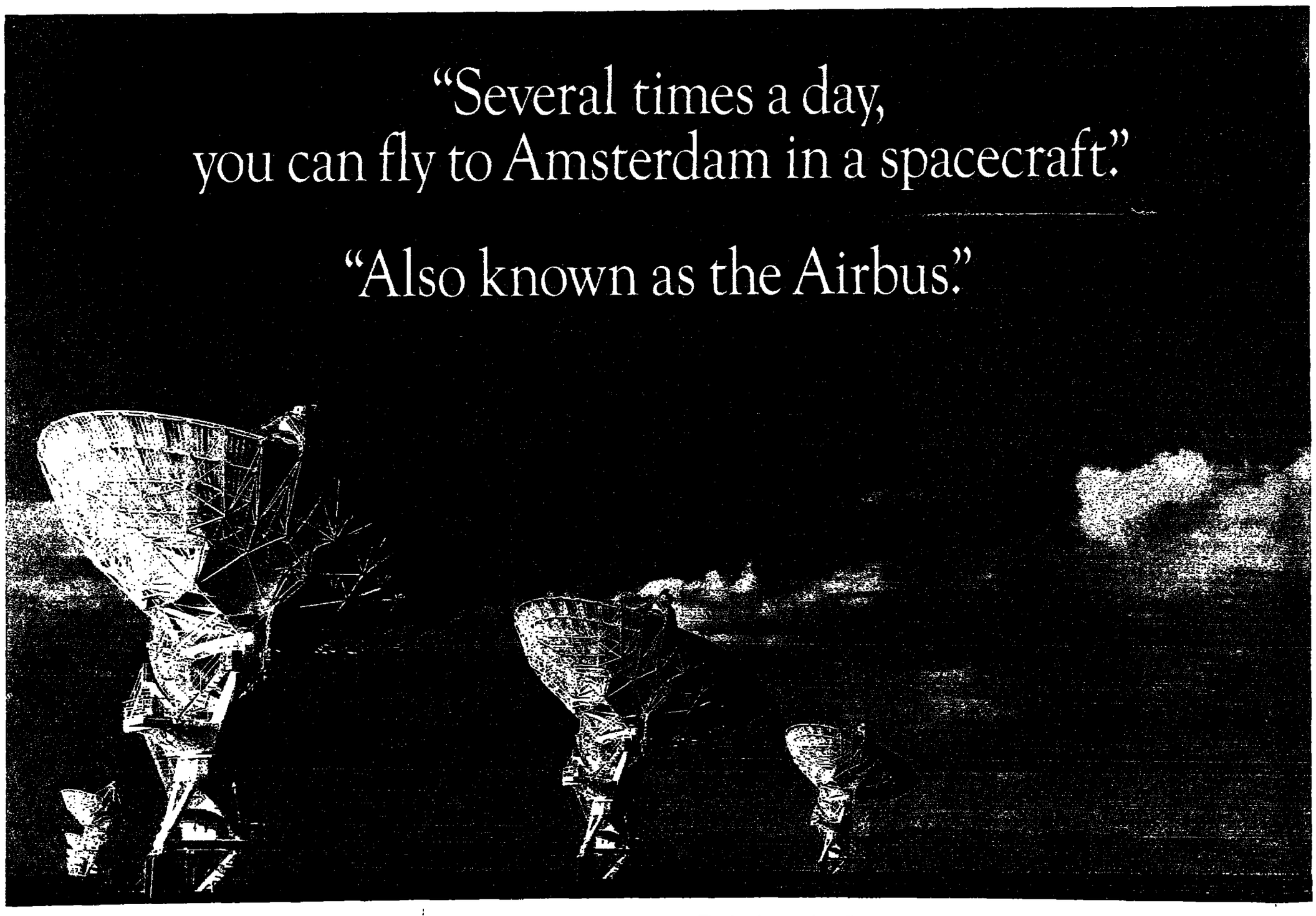
Clive Rose: a director of Project Management

managing director of the UK commercial arm of Brown Shipley Insurance Brokers.

Universal Conveyors: **Mr Alan Jeyes** has been appointed chairman. **Mr David Marston** and **Mr Mick Bird** are made joint managing directors.

MAI Brokers (Europe): **Mr Michael Graham Young** has been appointed managing director and **Mrs Roma Haigh** an executive director.

Robinson Packaging: **Mr Richard Merrick** is now business development director.



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1	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
2	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
3	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
4	Sequa	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Sharpe & Fisher	Building,Roads	
6	Manders	Building,Roads	
7	Courtney Pope	Industrials A-D	
8	Portals	Industrials L-R	
9	Baker Harris	Property	
10	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
11	Zeners Gp	Leisure	
12	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
13	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
14	Allied Text	Textiles	
15	Gordon Russell	Industrials E-K	
16	Anglo Nordic	Industrials A-D	
17	Fisons (aa)	Industrials E-K	
18	Tunstall	*Electricals*	
19	Dale Elec	Electricals	
20	Reuters (aa)	Industrials L-R	
21	Anglia Sec	Building,Roads	
22	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
23	Steetley	Building,Roads	
24	Falcon	Industrials E-K	
25	Chesterfield	Property	
26	Bellwinch	Building,Roads	
27	Bett Bros	Building,Roads	
28	Marks Spencer (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
29	Brake Bros	Foods	
30	LDH	Industrials L-R	
31	DSC	Industrials A-D	
32	*Cercio Eng*	*Industrials A-D*	
33	Boosey & Hawkes	Leisure	
34	MIL Research	Paper,Print,Adv	
35	Blue Arrow (aa)	Industrials A-D	
36	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
37	Foster (John)	Textiles	
38	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
39	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
40	Evered	*Industrials E-K*	
41	Beale (John)	Textiles	
42	Neill (J)	Industrials L-R	
43	Wellcome (aa)	*Industrials S-Z*	
44	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	

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102½	100⅝	Exch 10¼%	1988	100⅛	10.5	9.121
101⅝	99	Treas 9¾%	1988	100	9.7	9.089
98⅛	95⅞	Treas C9¼%	1988-88	96⅛	3.0	7.189
101⅛	94⅝	Treas 9½%	1988	100⅛	9.5	9.170
105⅛	85⅞	Treas 11¼%	1988	102	11.3	8.249
104⅝	97⅛	Treas 10½%	1989	101⅛	10.4	9.280
103¾	96⅝	Exch 10½%	1989	102⅛	10.4	9.270
100	93⅛	Exch 10½%	1989	103⅛	9.9	8.026
105⅛	86	Exch 11%	1989	102⅛	10.7	9.270
99⅛	88⅛	Treas 9%	1989-92	100⅛	9.5	7.894
102⅛	93⅛	Treas C9¼%	1989	100⅛	9.2	9.260
96⅛	88⅝	Treas 8%	1990	96⅛	3.1	6.841
111	98⅛	Treas 12%	1990	103⅛		7.510
109⅛	95	Exch 11¾%	1990	103	10.7	9.194
108⅛	98¼	Exch 12¼%	1990	105⅛	11.6	9.258
103⅛	89⅛	Conv 9½%	2000	89⅝	9.4	9.341
110⅝	98	Conv 10%	2000	98⅝	9.9	9.539
103¾	89⅛	Conv 9%	2000	89⅝	9.1	9.218
110⅝	94	Treas 10¾%	2001	105⅛	9.5	9.389
106⅝	90	Conv 9½%	2001	94⅝	10.0	9.256
122⅝	102	Exch 12¼%	1999-04	120	10.3	9.209
109	93⅛	Treas 9¾%	2002	104	9.4	9.276

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2003	109⅛	9.4	9.208
136⅝	97⅛	Treas 12¾%	2000-03	133⅛	10.6	9.573
121⅛	102⅛	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	119⅛	9.9	9.384
111⅝	94⅛	Treas 10%	2004	109⅛	9.4	9.189
97⅝	81½	Fund 3½%	1999-04	82⅝	4.3	4.234
107⅝	91⅞	Conv 9½%	2004	93⅛	9.2	9.155
107⅝	90⅝	Conv 9½%	2005	103	9.2	9.146
116⅝	99¼	Exch 10½%	2005	111⅛	9.4	9.147
132⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¼%	2003-05	129⅝	9.5	9.039
110⅛	93⅛	Treas 9¾%	2003-06	107⅛	9.1	9.186
126⅛	106⅝	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	120⅛	9.6	9.237
99⅛	83⅛	Treas 8%	2002-06	96⅛	8.3	8.333
142	121⅛	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	136⅝	10.0	9.233
104⅛	88⅛	Treas 9%	2008	100⅛	9.0	9.003
103⅛	94	Treas 9%	2008 A	100⅛	9.0	9.008
94⅛	80⅝	Treas 8%	2009	90⅝	8.8	8.854
103	87⅝	Treas 9%	2011	99⅛	9.0	9.012
93⅝	78⅝	Treas 8¾%	2008-12	89⅝	8.8	8.726
93⅝	79⅛	Treas 8¾%	2012-15	89⅝	8.8	8.845
124⅛	118⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	120	9.3	9.672

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45⅞	39⅝	Consols 4%		43⅝	9.1	—
41⅝	34⅝	War Ln 3½%		39	9.0	—
53	46	Conv	3½%	51	6.9	—
39¾	33¾	Treas	3%	38⅞	9.1	—
39¾	34¼	Conv	2½%	37⅞	9.1	—
39¼	33¼	Treas	2½%	37⅝		—

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119⅛	108⅞	Treas I/L 2%	1996	118¼	2.1	0.827
101¼	93¼	Treas I/L 2%	1982	99⅝	2.1	2.081
130⅝	117⅜	Treas I/L 2%	2001	130⅛	2.3	3.358
111½	99⅛	Treas I/L 2%	2006	109⅞	2.3	3.673
129¾	94⅞	Treas I/L 2%	2008	127⅝	2.3	3.588
113	94⅛	Treas I/L 2%	2013	88½	2.3	3.748
127½	88⅛	Treas I/L 2%	2009	125	2.3	3.747
113½	95¾	Treas I/L 2%	2017	106	2.3	3.696
95¼	76⅝	Treas I/L 2%	2013	88½	2.3	3.668
103¾	79⅝	Treas I/L 2%	2020	95⅝	2.3	3.698
101¾	81⅞	Treas I/L 2%	2024	79⅝	2.3	3.536
86¼	69⅛	Treas I/L 2%	2024	79⅝	2.3	

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270	180	Allied Irish	210	218	-1	27e	4.0	20.0
168	97	Ambanker (Henry)	145	152	-3	...	...	...
250	128	Anz New Z	...	...	...	...	...	...
124	94	Bankamerica	...	...	...	...	...	...
248	175	Bank of Ireland	210	220	+1	...	...	...
17	11½	Bank Leumi Israel	16	16½	...	1.0	4.9	11.2
350	240	Bank Of Leumi UK	340	352	+2	23.4	4.1	10.5
844	595	Bank Of Scotland	566	582	...	33	5.2	11.9
88	60	Bank Of Wales	86	88	+2	5.9	6.6	18.0
483	317	Barclays (aa)	466	480	...	31.9	6.5	10.2
93	76	Benjamin	87	90	...	4.0	4.3	16.0
803	410	Brown Shipley	470	490	...	14	2.7	11.8
135	40	Cen Mortgage	127	131	...	27.5	6.1	11.7
480	290	Chas. Allen	330	350	-1	31	4.5	17.0
75½	44	Cater	75	77	...	...	...	...
294	194	Chase Manhattan	194	...	...	...	...	...
294	194	Citicorp	194	196	...	9.0	3.6	20.4
230	118	Clerk Bnd	177	...	...	...	...	...
117½	85	Commercial Bank	145	...	...	...	...	...
2681	1280	Deutsche Bank	2360	2400	...	156	5.0	12.1
80	21	Equity & Gen	28	30	...	12.0	5.0	7.7
250	185	First Nat Finance	230	240	...	...	...	...
124	88	GPG	120	122	...	23.3	7.6	9.5
418	298	Gerrard Nat	405	420	...	16.3	4.2	10.0
388	230	Hambros	380	390	...	33.6	6.3	11.7
218	138	Hill Samuel	210	214	...	16.3	12.2	18.0
67	56½	Hong Kong & Shanghai	64	65	+1	12.0	7.9	15.2
194	134	Joseph (Leopold)	188	192	...	12.0	6.3	7.7
194	134	King & Shaxson	188	192	...	19.2	5.5	7.7
288	217	Kleinwort Benson	273	277	+10	18.1	6.5	8.7
458	313	Lloyds (aa)	450	460	...	25.0	5.4	9.8
57	37	Lon Scot Bk	46	48	...	2.5	5.2	5.3
569	388	Midland (aa)	560	570	+7	34.9	5.7	6.7
369	208	Morgan Grenfell	358	368	...	...	...	...
280	187	Nat Aust Bk	265	269	+20	32.9	5.6	10.3
230	162	Nat West (aa)	222	226	...	20.1	4.7	5.5
420	123	Ottoman	395	405	+5	21.9	6.1	10.0
440	278	Provident	95	100	...	2.9	2.9	18.2
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19½	14½	Bass (aa)	810	820	+7	29.9	3.3	12.2
77	36	Belhaven	44	46	...	1.3	2.8	16.2
233	124	Boddingtn	143	147	...	5.1	3.5	15.8
246	131	Burtonwd	168	168	...	4.4	2.6	26.8
239	179	Bwhse (H P)	195	198	● ...	4.4	2.2	11.3
195	120	Burtonwood Brew	150	158	● ...	4.8	3.0	23.3
335	253	Clark (Matthew)	323	327	● -2	13.7	4.2	10.2
351	262	Dewhurst (JA)	318	324	...	4.1	1.3	23.2
179½	150	Greenall Whitley	160	165	...	8.2	4.2	11.0
454	359	Greene King	448	455	-1	19.3	4.2	11.3
345	275	Guinness (aa)	327	329	...	13.4	4.1	10.5
792	473	Hdgs & Yorkshire	680	690	● -5	29.5	4.3	12.2
97	69	Highland Dist	86	93	...	3.4	3.7	14.2
223	138	Invergordon Dist	208	208	...	7.5	3.7	13.3
169	145	Irish Dist	155	158	...	...	...	...
151	110	Marston Thompson	115	118	...	3.6	3.1	14.8
603	345	Morland	480	500	...	10.5	2.2	19.4
470	131	SA Breweries	450	460	...	...	...	...
370	178	Scot & Newc (aa)	340	350	+1	11.3	4.6	13.7
599	465	Vaux Grp	530	535	+1	19.5	3.8	15.7
385	251	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	367	367	+1	12.6	4.4	12.0
350	248	Do 'B'	350	350	...	12.6	4.4	12.0
424	277	Whitbread Inv	410	412	+6	11.6	3.4	12.1
424	277	Watermouth & B	377	385	...	8.0	2.1	16.2
477	274	Young A	350	370	...	12.3	3.4	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
368	158	Abbey	335	340	...	...	...	...
463	263	Amec	440	450	...	16.6	4.6	13.1
510	205	Anglia Sec	488	493	● +5	27	8.6	24.8
438	28	Anglo Utd	44	46	● ...	1.4	3.1	83.3
155	88	Arndale	126	130	● +2	4.3	3.8	8.7
402	184	Ashtead	395	400	...	10.5	2.6	15.2
642	215	BPB Ind (aa)	278	282	...	9.6	3.4	16.1
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	255	265	...	4.5	1.7	18.4
134	37	Bardon (Eam) Concor	128	132	+1	1.6	1.2	15.4
357	160	Barratt Dev	340	350	...	11.0	3.1	10.8
196	76	Berkeley	190	192	...	4.4	2.3	9.0
179	119	Bernerry Gp	170	175	...	3.6	2.1	17.1
148	57	Bett Bros	140	145	● +5	4.4	3.1	27.4
274	198	Bewsey	270	274	...	24.0	8.7	20.7
274	239	Blue Circle (aa)	265	267	...	16.5	6.2	11.6
1574	1230	Bmpton PLC	1430	1450	...	85	5.9	22.3
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	30	40	...	...	...	...
158	79	Bryant	136	138	+1	4.4	3.2	16.2
38½	11	Bunzl & Hallam	34	36	...	...	...	1.5
204	108	CRH	113	117	...	...	...	...
177	66	Calebread Robey	110	120	...	5.2	4.5	14.4
373	178	Caradon	280	290	...	10.2m	3.4	17.7
231	86	Carlton Clarke	195	198	+2	4.2	2.1	27.3
278	150	Cement Cnr	250	260	...	14.0	5.3	10.1
395	110	Clapham PLC	137	137	...	2.4	1.8	27.1
367	198	Costain	235	250	...	12.2	4.2	10.5
402	170	Countrywide	250	260	...	11.0	4.2	10.3
272	138	Crest Nicholson	235	236	● -2	7.8	3.3	10.3
118	63	Crosby James	83	88	...	2.4	2.8	...
354	126	Douglas (RM)	280	288	...	13.0	4.5	22.1
318	97	Elkm	97	105	...	3.4	3.4	20.6
310	118	Fairclough Bldg	300	310	...	9.0	2.9	11.4
182	75	Falcon Gp	75	87	...	6.2m	7.9	11.7
98	46	Gatliffe	85	87	...	3.7	5.6	14.8
232	125	Gelex & Dandy Dnl	225	230	...	9.0	3.9	44.0
580	348	Glenlion (MJ)	470	480	...	9.1	1.9	11.5
335	162	Hanson Ind	317	327	...	8.2	2.5	13.7
377	171	Henderson	373	380	● ...	11.5	3.1	34.7
191	74	Hewden-Stuart	174	180	● -1	5.7	3.2	15.9
436	263	Heywood Williams	420	430	...	16.0	3.7	15.9
426	234	Higgs & Hill	395	405	...	10.6	2.7	15.9
89½	41	Howard Hdgs	51	54	● -1	1.9	3.5	11.5
245	97	Ibstock Johnsen	230	240	...	8.2	3.4	19.8
136	63	Jarvis (JA) & Sons	120	130	● ...	2.4	2.1	...
480	178	Lang (J)	285	290	...	8.2	2.8	9.7
244	217	Do 'A'	285	290	...	8.2	2.8	9.7
194	78	Lawrence (Walter)	150	160	...	5.6	4.2	13.5
77½	43	Lilley (F.J.C)	57	59	...	...	...	5.7
314	182	Lovell (Y.J)	300	310	● -1	8.9	3.0	11.2
406	148	Magnet (aa)	380	390	...	8.6	3.6	15.1
415	233	Marleyes	395	405	...	14.0	3.5	10.7
193	151	Marley	193	193	-1	7.1	3.7	15.1
168	84	Marshalls (Halifax)	243	248	● +2	9.9	4.0	16.8
114	64	Maunders (J)	97	98	● +2	2.6	2.7	15.4
577	385	MacAlpine (Alfred)	560	570	...	21.9	4.8	7.8
530	363	McCarthy & S	500	510	...	19.0	3.7	14.2
455	268	Meyer Int	440	450	...	9.9	2.7	11.9
171	36	Miller (Stanley)	160	168	● ...	1.7	2.2	54.5
541	305½	Monkiand (John)	520	530	● ...	22.1	5.6	11.7
174½	75	Mowlem	167	169	● +1	7.1	4.2	11.5
241½	155	Newman Tonks	176	182	● -1	10.6	5.8	13.5
168	63	Parkinson	144	146	● ...	2.5	1.7	21.1
158	80	Pearce Construction	96	98	...	4.4	4.5	11.6
370	270	Pochins	340	350	...	14.0	4.0	11.0
374	341	RMC Gp (aa)	348	352	...	19.5	5.5	14.0
97	69	Rane Ind	90	94	...	3.6	3.8	11.7
595	370	Redland (aa)	410	414	...	18.7	4.5	11.6
207	147	Ruberoid	200	205	...	8.7	4.2	11.3
173	89	Ruddy Group	150	160	...	6.0	3.8	11.3
416	237	Sandell Perkins	390	400	...	14.0	3.5	14.7
348	190	Sharpe & Fisher	330	340	...	13.0	3.8	14.7
257	92	Smart (J)	240	250	...	9.0	3.6	14.7
416	237	Stanley	395	405	...	13.0	3.2	14.7
348	190	Tarmac (aa)	340	345	...	13.0	3.8	14.7
297	197	Taylor Woodrow	280	285	...	11.0	3.9	14.7
240	157	Tilbury Group	230	235	...	8.0	3.4	14.7
240	157	Travis & Arnold	235	235	+1	7.4	3.2	14.7
194	134	Trist	190	192	...	7.4	3.9	14.7
194	134	Tarmac	190	192	● -1	7.4	3.9	14.7
307	227	Wimpey	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Ward Group	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Ward Hdgs	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Warrington	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Watson Palmer	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Westbury	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Wiggins	295	297	● -2	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Wilson Bowden	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Wimpey (Cornelly)	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
307	227	Wimpey (George)	295	297	...	11.0	3.7	14.7
182	118	Yeoman	118	122	● -1	5.3	4.3	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	98	Allied Colloids	125	128	-1	2.8	2.2	17.5
238	94	Amersham	228	232	...	11.5	5.0	14.7
195	140	BTP	170	172	...	12.1	7.0	14.7
1270	790	Bayer DM50	880	...	...	...	...	...
196	103	Blagden	163	168	...	10.1	6.1	16.7
118	69	Brent Chemic	95	100	...	5.0	5.0	10.5
313	159	Cassenq (W)	196	198	...	5.8	2.9	18.5
281	273	Croda	338	338	...	12.2	3.6	18.4
370	213	Crodas Bros	347	365	● +3	10.6m	3.0	11.1
417	177	Do 'A'	338	365	● +2	10.6m	3.0	10.1
82	54	Cray (Horace)	78	80	...	2.5	3.2	15.2
242	185	Dvoto	215	220	...	11.5	6.1	15.5
165	154	Do Old	165	165	● ...	...	...	15.0
184	144	Elliott & Everard	168	168	● ...	6.7	4.0	21.0
1260	1000	Exxon	1230	1237	+1	168	6.8	17.6
146	66	FKI	82	86	-1	3.8	4.5	15.1
244	120	Fitch	170	177	-2	5.8	3.3	12.6
291	85	Fortrol	185	197	-3	...	...	...
204	143	Frodingham	174	178	-1	4.4b	2.5	6.3
274	153	Brazenos Security	195	205	+4	25	5.4	18.5
332	203	Gr Telecom (aa)	242	243	● -1½	12.1	5.0	11.6
155	83	Brown Boveri Kent	105	110	...	5.1	4.7	11.1
48	15	Bulgari (AF) 'A'	35	40	...	0.1	0.3	30.5
208	172½	CAP Group	200	208	● -1	9.6	4.6	14.3
168	46	CASE	68	68	...	0.1	0.2	52
515	268	Cable Wireless (aa)	365	368	● -3	8.0	2.3	17.3
336	139	Cambridge Elec	203	208	-3	11.2	6.5	12.1
126	34	Cambridge Inst	63	65	...	1.0	2.3	47
117	45	Chloride	56	58	...	2.6	5.0	14.2
297	148	Coby Elect	230	235	● -5	3.7	1.6	18.6
381	136	Crystalate	156	160	...	8.0	5.0	7.7
165	66	DCF Group	82	83	...	1.6	1.9	24.1
248	146	Data Elec	168	168	● +2	9.1	5.4	13.2
41	28	Do 'A'	38	38	...	1.9	5.0	11.7
247	146	Dowding & Mills	215	225	...	12.0	5.3	15.5
266	117	Dunbar	260	265	...	12.0	4.5	15.2
266	117	Electronic Components	260	265	...	12.0	4.5	15.2
266	117	Electronic Data Process	260	265	...	12.0	4.5	15.2
266	117	Electronic Mach	260	265	...	12.0	4.5	15.2
266	117	Electronic Rentals	260	265	...	12.0	4.5	15.2
266	117	Emess	260	265	...	12.0	4.5	15.2
405	247	Eurotherm	405	417	...	11.0m	2.7	17.2
251	241	Fed Babcock	251	253	...	22	8.7	17.9
168	68	Ferranti Elect	121	123	● -1	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Ferranti Intl	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Ferranti Tech	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	GEC (aa)	121	123	● -1	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Gen Scanning	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Halma	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Hartmann & Braun	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Hartmann Int	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Hartmann Sec	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Hartmann Sys	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Highland Elect	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Hodgkins Gp	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	ITL Gp	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	James Stroud	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Kode	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Lec Refrigeration	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Logica	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Logica 4	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Memec	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Micro Focus	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Microgen	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Mktel	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Motion	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Norcros Elect	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Murray Elect	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Newmark (Louis)	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	NEI	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	NMW Comp	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Oryonics	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Oxford Instruments	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	P.E. International	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Pace	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Pincom	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Philips Fin 5½%	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Philips Lamps N/V	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Pilco	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Plessey (aa)	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18.4
168	68	Polestar	121	123	...	3.2	2.6	18

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lo-Call)

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	110.8	123.3	+1.8	8.92
Hi Inc Equity	114.9	122.2p	+2.5	4.87
Worldwide Ed	190.9	203.4p	-2.2	4.77
American Gth	145.9	155.2p	+0.8	1.50
Asian Pacific	57.6	60.6	+3.1	2.65
Assets & Earns	131.8	140.2	+1.4	5.98
Capital Res	77.8	77.9p	+0.9	1.30
Comm Energy	85.4	90.8	+1.3	0.00
Euro Capital	67.7	72.0	+2.7	1.04
General	157.2	167.2p	+3.8	2.69
Japan	94.5	100.5	+1.0	0.00
UK Gth Inc	123.3	131.1	+2.2	1.85
Do Acc	179.8	191.2	+3.2	1.77
US Emerg Co	39.7	42.2p	+3.2	0.00
Income Gth	269.0	254.2	+6.1	3.74
Master Acc	70.2	74.6	+1.1	2.46
American Inc	42.1	44.7p	+1.0	8.13
Ethical Tst	39.5	42.4	+0.8	2.95

ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
19, Dubford Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6901

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Growth	30.2	32.1	+0.8	3.48
N Am Inc	23.7	25.2	+0.2	4.91
World Gth	37.9	40.3	+0.7	1.24
Extra Inc	37.2	39.5c	+0.8	6.29
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
Amercan	39.1	41.6p	+0.5	2.21
Amer Extra Inc	36.2	38.5p	+0.3	6.75
Australian	16.8	17.1	-0.2	2.40
Euro Tst	40.2	42.8p	+0.5	1.43
Gt(Fxd Interest	22.7	24.2c	-0.1	9.92
Global Income	34.0	36.2	+0.5	5.36
Hi Income	52.9	56.3	+1.5	5.42
Income Growth	58.3	58.3p	+1.5	4.31
International	79.8	85.0	+0.9	0.84
Japan Gen	156.4	166.4	-0.9	0.01
Special Sits	60.5	64.5	+1.8	1.38

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 8484

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	100.6	107.1c	+0.2	1.13
Exempt	374.2	398.8p	+5.7	4.01
Far Eastern	192.3	206.6c	+2.8	0.10
Fxt & Prop	78.0	82.9p	+1.5	2.89
Hi Yield	71.2	75.4	+1.0	5.00
Income & Gth	295.3	312.8	+3.3	4.51
Int Earnings	178.5	187.0	+3.3	2.90
Int Growth Inc	87.5	97.9	+2.9	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	146.3	157.0	+2.0	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	111.2	119.9p	+1.6	2.53
Preference Inc	126.6	132.5	+0.5	9.41
Smi Co Dis Inc	98.4	98.5p	+1.0	4.68
Smi Co Gth	269.2	286.2p	+3.0	1.66
Spec Sits Inc	124.2	131.6	+1.5	1.58
UK Growth	367.9	388.7p	+8.4	3.29

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
(0793) 28291 Dealing:(0793) 610366

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
High Income	286.5	303.5c	+1.3	4.83
Equity Inc	165.6	175.5p	+3.0	4.40
High Yield	170.2	180.4	+3.3	4.56
Balanced	187.5	198.7	+2.5	4.19
Amer Inc	26.9	28.6p	+0.1	4.79
World Ass Val	24.9	26.5	+0.4	1.55
Japan	139.5	148.4	+1.1	0.01
Spec Sit Amer	161.6	171.3	+2.4	1.16
Asset Value	283.5	300.5	+5.4	3.56
O'seas Earn	195.3	207.0	+4.3	3.47
Recovery	94.9	100.6	+1.7	3.09
UK Equity	243.3	257.9p	+4.5	3.57
Smlr Co	165.2	175.1p	+3.3	1.57
Capital	242.1	256.6	+6.2	3.40
Amer Spec Sit	57.1	60.5	+0.3	0.21
International	97.6	93.3p	+1.5	1.48
Growth & Inc	143.9	152.4	+2.4	2.65
Euro Gth	17.7	18.9	+0.4	1.27
Pacific	294.5	312.8	+2.3	0.00
2nd Stand Co	196.2	210.0c	+0.3	1.75

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital	75.7	80.5p	+2.0	3.30
Euro Gth Inc	58.9	62.6	+0.6	0.00
Extra Income	92.5	98.5	+1.8	5.06
General	161.4	171.7	+3.8	3.36
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.2	56.0p	+0.4	9.34
Income Tst	383.3	413.0p	+11.3	5.70
Int Income	48.1	51.1	+0.4	4.87
Smlr Co Inc	36.6	38.9	+0.5	1.31

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 185, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO
01-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American EVS				
Australian	47.9	52.6	-1.0	0.00
Eastern	60.5	64.6p	+2.0	0.00
Equity Inc	65.6	70.8	+1.4	5.20
Europe	112.0	119.1	+0.3	0.10
Exempt Tst	55.6	59.1p	+0.7	3.50
Growth & Inc	71.8	76.3p	+1.6	3.61
Do Acc	111.8	118.9p	+2.4	2.10
Global Gth	58.3	62.0	+0.6	0.10
Japan Spec	139.1	148.7p	-1.5	0.10
Japan Gen	133.2	142.5	+0.9	0.00
First Europe	100.2	106.5	+2.3	0.90
First Japan	106.5	113.9	-0.3	0.60
First N Amer	39.7	42.2p	+0.7	1.30
First Pacific	86.9	91.3	+1.4	0.30
N Amer Spec	38.0	40.4	+0.3	0.00
UK Growth	58.3	62.0c	+0.6	5.18

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Financial	153.6	165.2p	+4.5	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	286.9	313.5	+4.2	0.84
Do Inc	181.4	198.3	+2.6	0.84
High Income	78.3	84.0c	+1.4	10.31
Income	94.6	101.7	+3.4	5.16
Man Portf Inc	85.0	91.4p	+1.7	2.25
Do Acc	144.6	155.5p	+2.7	2.25
Nth American	45.5	49.1	+0.3	0.00
Orient	93.4	100.4	+0.1	0.10
Exempt	257.8	272.9	+4.6	2.22
Recovery	80.1	84.6	-0.5	0.35
German	22.3	24.0	+0.3	1.82
Int Recov	23.4	25.2	+0.3	1.50
Europe	18.4	17.6	+0.5	3.91
Conv General	24.1	25.5c	-0.2	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 623 2348

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Emerg Inc				
Fellowship Inc	61.1	65.0	+0.1	1.36
General Inc 4	252.7	268.9	+6.3	3.06
Do Acc 4	436.5	464.5	+10.8	3.06
Income Fd 3	129.0	137.2	+1.8	5.90
Do Acc 3	238.4	253.6	+3.2	5.90
Int Inc 2	105.4	112.1p	+0.8	1.49
Do Acc 2	142.5	151.6p	+1.1	1.49
Smlr Inc 5	88.5	94.1	+1.1	1.81
Do Acc 5	95.8	101.9	+1.2	1.81

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1,Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Growth	30.9	32.9a	+0.7	3.03
Income	39.8	42.2a	+0.9	4.56
Far East	27.0	28.7a		0.22
Nth American	28.2	27.9a	+0.4	0.73
Global	43.1	45.8c	+0.6	0.75
European	38.5	42.0c	+0.4	1.27
Japan	85.8	91.3	-0.1	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 6 Bevis Marks London EC3A 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital	398.2	410.9	+10.7	2.85
Income	342.1	364.5	+9.2	5.34
Nth Amer	231.2	246.0	+2.2	1.94

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Investment	438.25	..	..	4.70
Fixed Int	145.1	..	..	9.86
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.85

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income	413.87	●	..	5.05
Acc	512.9892	●	..	
Deposit	100.0		..	8.50

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MRGRS
72/73,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6822

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
S/C Spec Sit	59.6	63.3	+0.5	0.46

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 272393

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Gth	18.8	19.9	-0.1	0.35
Asset Gth	27.6	29.2p	+0.2	1.07
Dragon Gth	19.0	20.2	+0.2	2.11
Equity Hi Inc	54.5	57.7	+0.7	4.84
European Gth	24.0	25.4	+0.6	1.63
Gen Equity	46.5	49.4	+1.0	2.94
G/F Interst Gth	33.2	35.0	+0.7	7.46
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.4	26.8	+0.7	9.90
Int Income Tst	22.6	24.0p	+0.2	5.70
Japan Gth	45.9	48.6	+0.6	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.2	29.9	+0.6	2.80
Special Sits	34.3	36.3	+0.5	2.11

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	52.5	55.8	+2.3	3.56
Do Acc	53.6	57.2	+2.3	3.56
Income Inc	54.8	58.3c	+1.9	3.88
Do Acc	56.5	59.9c	+1.9	3.88
Worldwide Inc	41.6	44.3p	+0.8	1.30
Do Acc	42.0	44.9p	+0.8	1.30
Gearns Inc	32.4	34.5p	+0.7	1.11
Do Acc	33.5	34.9p	+0.7	1.11
Amer Gth	51.9	55.2	+1.5	0.83
Euro Gth	50.5	53.7	+0.9	0.37
Far East	58.0	62.7	+1.2	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	..	..	..	..
World Bond	..	..	..	..

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04632 5033

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Tst	104.0	110.9	-0.6	0.90
Commercial Gth	19.0	20.3	+0.4	..
European Tst	88.7	92.5	+2.1	..
Growth Tst	292.7	299.5p	+6.5	3.17
High Income	307.7	327.2	+3.2	4.97
Int Tech Tst	101.3	108.1	+1.7	..
Investment	25.8	27.5	+0.5	..
Japanese Tst	219.5	234.1c	+0.5	..
Main Inv	25.2	26.8	+0.6	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Regents, Surrey RH2 8BL
01737-243642

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
European Gth	49.6	53.4	+1.3	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	38.1	39.3	+1.2	1.30
International	45.8	48.1	+0.7	3.50
N Amer & Gen	39.9	42.0	+0.2	1.00
Pacific Gth	50.4	54.3	+0.7	4.80
UK Gth Acc	89.8	95.4c	+1.9	0.50
Do Inc	89.8	95.8c	+1.8	0.50
UK Income	38.9	41.2c	+1.1	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 3492

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American Fd	57.2	60.9	+0.4	1.94
Capital Fd	1280.7	1295.5	+2.9	3.70
Eurofund	21.7	23.1	+0.3	1.30
Growth & Inc	166.2	177.0p	+5.4	3.95
High Dist Fd	147.0	156.6	+3.1	4.70
International	19.2	20.5	+0.3	1.09
Pacific Fd	19.4	20.7	+0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	20.2	21.5	-0.6	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	42.4	45.2	+0.9	..
Tokyo Fd	99.7	106.2	+1.6	0.00
Ex Amer 2	113.0	116.1	..	1.98
Ex Japan 3	114.3	117.6	..	0.79
Ex Pacific 4	237.0	305.2c	..	0.31
Ex Smlr Jap 4	243.2	248.9	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221351

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	82.0	87.0	+2.1	2.79
Do Acc	85.5	90.7	+2.2	2.66
UK Gth Acc	117.1	124.2	+2.8	2.21
UK High Yld	92.4	98.0	+1.7	4.47
N Amer Acc	60.5	64.5	+0.3	1.09
Far East Acc	115.2	122.9	+1.6	0.68
European Acc	67.1	71.6	+1.0	1.43
UK Gth/Fi Inc	47.4	50.6	+1.0	5.54
Do Acc	54.9	58.6	+1.1	5.54
Int Spec Sits	36.9	39.4	+0.5	1.66

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Tel: 6 Hexagon House
Rossford RH1 3LB Tel: 0708 85995

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Endurance	111.8	119.0	+1.3	1.46

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431460

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equit Pen Acc	69.5	95.3	+2.3	3.36
High Income	90.3	99.3	+2.9	4.53
Gt/Fxd Interst	52.8	56.3p	+1.0	7.28
Tst Of Inv Tsts	79.5	84.8p	+1.7	2.68
Spec Sits Tst	57.0	60.7	+1.7	2.68
Nth Amer Tst	53.2	56.7	+0.6	1.82
Far East Tst	106.5	113.4	-0.2	0.35
Int Growth	50.2	53.5c	+0.7	1.55
European Tst	38.4	40.9	+0.7	1.96

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Uk Gth Acc	169.5	180.3	+4.4	3.41
Do Inc	142.3	151.3	+3.6	3.41
Higher Inc Acc	314.6	335.5	+7.3	4.44
Do Inc	236.1	251.7	+5.4	4.44
Gilt/Fixed Acc	111.6	117.4c	+0.6	8.28
Do Inc	86.7	91.2c	+0.6	8.28
N Amer Acc	116.3	123.7	+3.2	0.11
Far East Acc	202.5	214.9	+1.1	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	118.4	125.9	+2.3	1.44
Gen Tst	251.1	267.1	+5.6	3.59
Ent Excel	38.8	41.2	+1.6	2.82
Br Fdrds Inc	50.0	..	..	..
Do Acc	50.0	..	..	..

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
US Smlr Co	52.6	56.0	+0.6	0.84
UK Inc Fd	91.5	97.4	+1.8	4.85
Far East Fd	87.3	92.9	-0.6	0.00
Overseas Inc	57.8	61.5	+0.6	4.57

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Fud Interest	58.6	62.4	+1.2	9.18
Natural Res Fd	50.7	54.0	-1.6	2.65
European Inc	57.2	60.9p	+1.0	2.64
Financials Fd	44.1	47.0p	+1.1	2.70
Int Tech Fd	99.0	105.4	+1.3	0.90

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
188, Hope Street,George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Eastern Gth Acc	69.7	69.0	+3.2	
Do Inc	62.2	66.4	+3.2	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	26.3	30.1	+1.3	..
Do Inc	27.1	29.0	+1.2	5.40
Inc Gth Acc	34.5	34.9	+1.5	..
Do Inc	47.7	50.8	+1.5	5.50
Serv Co Acc	66.3	70.6	+3.9	..
Do Inc	65.9	69.3	+3.8	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	31.7	32.6p	+0.5	..
Do Inc	31.0	32.4p	+0.5	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.3	16.2c	+0.1	1.00
Do Inc	15.3	16.2c	+0.1	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5BJ Tel: 0737 832323

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Cashfund 0800 414161				
American	94.9	101.5	+0.5	1.24
Amer Eqty Inc	26.4	28.2p		4.85
Amer Spec Sit	44.2	46.5	+0.1	0.02
Australian	19.5	20.8	+0.2	2.38
European	49.9	53.4	+1.2	..
European Inc	20.2	21.5p	+0.3	4.50
Global Conv	22.4	23.9	+0.3	5.20
Far East Inc	35.7	38.1	+0.2	3.84
Gt/Fxd Interest	35.2	37.6	+0.3	9.79
Growth & Inc	111.7	119.5	+2.5	4.25
Japan Spec Sit	68.2	73.0p	+0.8	..
Japan	164.1	175.6	+1.9	..
Managed Int	119.8	127.5c	+1.0	0.98
Inc Plus	111.2	118.4c	+2.4	4.85
Fleming Name	38.4	41.1	+1.0	2.60
SE Asia	31.1	33.3	+0.6	0.68
Spec Sit	244.8	261.2	+1.7	0.80
Eastern Opps	21.1	22.5p	+0.1	..
Intl Bond	24.8	26.2	-0.1	6.46
Recovery	26.7	28.6	+0.5	2.56
Moneybuilder	23.8	25.0	..	..

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 6181

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer/Gen Inc	169.1	172.5	+2.7	..
Do Acc	166.7	178.3	+2.8	..
Amer Trm Inc	174.7	184.6	+2.2	1.03
Do Acc	121.1	191.6	+29.0	1.03
Capital Inc	264.1	278.4	+5.5	2.24
Do Acc	325.6	344.5	+4.7	2.24
Comm/Gth Inc	161.6	167.7	+1.5	5.03
Do Acc	163.1	172.5	+1.5	5.03
European Inc	53.0	56.0	+1.7	1.15
Do Acc	53.2	56.2	+1.8	1.15
Extra Inc Inc	225.5	238.5p	+3.1	4.01
Do Acc	254.0	268.7p	+3.5	4.01
Financial Acc	43.9	46.4	+0.5	0.74
Do Inc	43.8	46.3	+0.5	0.74
Income Tst	152.7	161.5	+1.7	4.36
Do Acc	158.5	167.6	+1.7	4.36
Int Growth Inc	160.5	169.8	+4.3	..
Do Acc	160.5	169.8	+4.3	..
Japan/Gen Inc	112.7	119.2p	-0.4	..
Do Acc	112.6	120.4p	-0.4	..
Managed Inc	115.8	122.5p	+3.4	4.44
PEP 87	58.0	..	+1.0	2.19
PEP 88	49.3	52.1	+0.8	2.40
Recovery	166.2	179.0p	+3.7	1.18
Do Acc	167.1	180.1p	+3.7	1.18
Smaller Inc	52.1	55.1c	+0.4	3.20
Do Acc	52.3	55.3c	+0.6	3.20

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity Dist	234.2	238.0	+3.9	2.85
Do Acc	234.2	238.0	+3.9	2.85
Euro Gth Dist	51.5	54.7	+0.2	0.91
Do Acc	51.5	54.7	+0.2	0.91
Fxd Interest Di	117.5	125.0	+1.4	9.00
Do Acc	117.5	125.0	+1.4	9.00
Int Gth Dist	52.2	55.4	+0.9	1.35
Do Acc	52.2	55.4	+0.9	1.35
Nth Amer Dist	110.6	117.4	+2.1	0.22
Do Acc	110.6	119.5p	+2.1	0.22
Pac Basin Dist	172.6	183.4	+4.1	0.16
Do Acc	172.6	183.4	+4.1	0.16
Steward Dist	228.5	242.5	+3.8	0.81
Do Acc	228.5	242.5	+3.8	0.81
Steward Inc Di	53.6	56.9p	+0.4	3.51
Do Acc	54.2	57.5p	+0.4	3.51
N Am Steward Di	51.1	54.3	+1.0	1.84
Do Acc	51.1	54.3	+1.0	1.84

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
32, St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 3333

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Global Gth	35.8	38.1	+0.3	0.80
High Income	58.8	62.9s	+0.6	3.41
Far East	68.7	73.5	+1.6	0.82
Pacific Gth	41.3	44.0	+1.6	0.50
Recovery	304.3	323.8	+3.8	2.45
St Vincent Inc	182.0	194.7p	+0.9	5.07
St Vinc US Gth	59.8	63.9p	+0.7	0.00
Trans Eu Sm Co	222.9	238.2	+2.8	0.00
Euro Gth Tst	42.5	45.6c	+0.7	0.90

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer/Gen Inc	52.1	55.3	+0.1	5.05
Canadian Tst	39.4	41.8	+0.5	1.17
Equity Income	101.8	108.0	+1.5	5.35
European Tst	78.4	84.2	+0.3	1.01
High Income	91.2	97.0	+0.8	5.06
Int Smlr Cos	47.5	50.5	+0.3	0.63
Japan/F East	114.0	121.0	+0.8	0.05
Irish Amer Tst	83.6	88.5	+0.8	0.00
Recov & Accel	60.6	64.5p	+2.1	2.66
Sandringham	79.5	84.5	+0.6	0.00
Smlr Co	31.7	34.4s	+0.5	1.20
UK New Gen	37.8	39.9	+0.6	1.13

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Smlr Co	85.7	91.3	+1.3	0.00
Australasian	34.5	36.8	+0.6	0.00
Australian	75.8	80.6	-0.6	0.00
Bond of World	47.7	50.9	+0.2	0.00
Cap Gth Inc	61.8	65.7	+0.2	0.00
Do Acc	72.4	77.2	+0.2	0.00
European	190.7	203.1	+0.5	0.00
Far East Inc	41.4	44.0	+0.1	0.00
Euro Smlr Co	68.5	73.0	+0.6	0.14
Extra Income	228.1	240.5c	+3.8	3.76
Financial Tst	153.3	163.4	+2.0	2.61
Int Income	69.1	74.8	..	5.00
Gilt Tst	41.5	44.2p	+0.2	7.19
Global Health	76.2	83.3	+1.0	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	59.6	62.4	+1.0	4.23
Global Recov	57.2	61.1p	+0.4	0.00
Global Tech	100.0	106.5	+1.1	0.00
Gold	30.0	32.0e	-1.9	0.00
High Income	233.7	249.7c	+5.2	4.15
Income Gth	230.7	246.5	+4.2	3.26
Inc & Gth Inc	178.1	189.5	+4.2	3.26
Do Acc	362.4	385.5	+4.2	3.26
Income Asset	124.6	132.6	+1.7	4.22
Internationale	101.2	107.7	+1.4	0.00
Jap Spec Sits	200.1	213.2	+11.6	0.00
Japan Tst	182.5	205.1e	+2.6	0.00
Nth American	109.5	116.7e	+1.8	0.47
Pacific Basin	79.3	84.5	+1.3	0.00
Pension Man	41.2	43.4	+0.6	2.36
Pref & Gth	58.9	62.7c	+0.3	8.07
Recovery Tst	132.1	140.8p	+0.4	0.00
Sm Co Relay	32.1	30.3p	+0.2	1.78
Smlr Co Div	162.6	173.0p	-0.7	4.34
Spec Sits Inc	170.1	181.0p	+1.4	1.37
Do Acc	240.9	256.3p	+1.9	1.37
Worldwide	451.2	480.1	+1.7	0.00
Euro Expl	98.9	102.1	+0.1	1.93
Glob Tec Expl	68.5	73.2	+0.5	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	156.3	163.5	+2.5	4.76
Hi Yld Exempt	153.5	160.5	+2.4	5.70
N Amer Expl	75.8	79.5	+1.0	0.88
Pacific Exempt	158.0	167.4	+2.2	2.20
Smlr Co Exempt	161.4	169.9	+2.2	1.02
Sect of Sect	34.0	36.1	+0.5	0.00
Spec Sit Exempt	37.9	40.4	+1.8	2.38

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-928 8011

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
British Units	58.8	62.9s	+0.6	3.41
Capital Units	108.5	114.4e	+0.8	2.55
Dollar Units	171.3	183.3	+1.1	1.77
European	108.9	116.5	+1.8	0.00
Far East	129.2	138.2	+2.5	0.59
Income	99.1	105.9	+0.8	5.09
Gt Interest Inc	27.9	29.0e	-0.3	9.41
Gth	40.6	42.5	..	6.00
High Yield	61.4	67.1	+1.9	4.91
Income	97.8	104.6	+1.4	4.44
International	125.3	134.1e	+0.6	1.60
Japan Tech	53.6	57.4e	-0.4	0.00
Nat Resource	39.1	41.9	-1.4	1.46
Security	250.0	267.5	+1.3	0.00
Smaller Co	114.4	122.4	+2.3	0.96
Spec Sits	114.4	122.4e	+3.4	1.90
US Smlr Co	22.6	24.2	+0.4	1.04

IRI FUND MANAGERS
38, Queen Street London EC4 R 1DN
01-236 5600

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Brit & Overs	129.4	137.0	+2.4	2.09
Inc Plus	71.1	75.3e	+0

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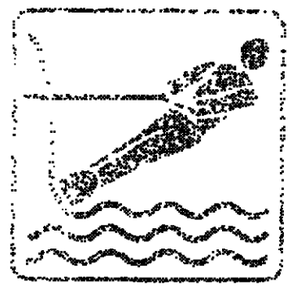
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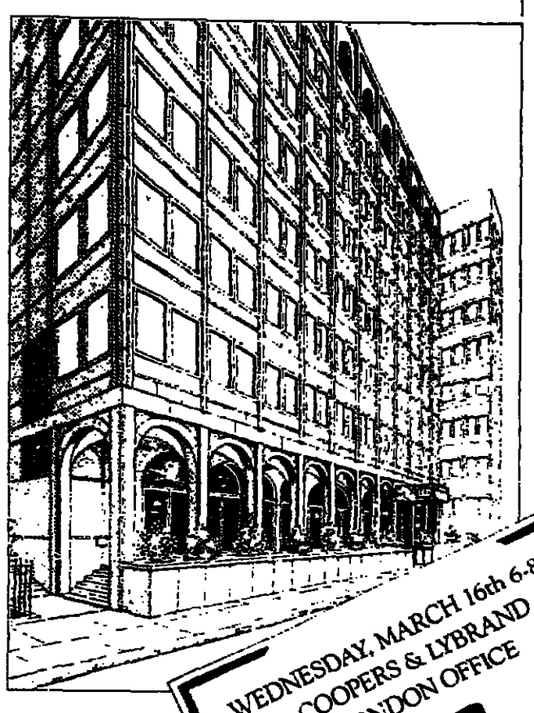
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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

How to build bridges to a nervous public

Dentistry has been revolutionized by fresh attitudes and techniques and young entrants need the skills of a model builder and psychologist, says **Beryl Dixon**

"It's true that *many of my clients* are reluctant ones, although this is less common than it used to be when surgery visits were almost always painful, but reassuring them and establishing a rapport is one of the things I enjoy.

"Another is the variety: examinations, orthodontics, preventive and restorative work, conservative dentistry, dentures, and bridges."

Those are the reasons why my dentist, Brian Taylor, chose his profession; plus the fact that he wanted something involving skill and manual dexterity. Dentistry is, after all, a unique blend of applied medical science and craftsmanship.

Time was when rejected medical school applicants applied in droves for dentistry. Not any more – or at least they are soon weeded *out*. Nowadays most apply for positive reasons, and competition for places, although by no means as intense as for medicine, means that dental schools can be selective.

Last year's typical requirements were two B grades and one C grade at A-level, or one B and two Cs, but selectors also pay particular attention to motivation and personal qualities. Dental surgeons, to give them their proper title, are in a demanding profession – indeed, the

They must get on well with all age groups

instances of stress, depression and even suicide are on the high side.

Working for years at an awkward angle (although many now work seated); doing fine manual work in people's mouths; the necessary attention to detail and concentration – one lapse and the consequences can be embarrassing for the dentist, and painful for the patient – take their toll.

Dr Elisabeth Corbett of Birmingham University Dental School, who received *799 applications last year for 75 places*, says: "We have to assess the candidates' overall suitability, both intellectual and personal, to follow a career in dentistry. They are expected to have taken trouble to discover what dentistry involves, and to have talked to dentists and observed *them at work*.

"It is important that they get on well with all age groups. Evidence of work with children, the handicapped or elderly is therefore helpful. Candidates are usually quizzed about any practical hobbies. Michèle Collins, Brian's young associate, was asked to take something she had made herself to her interview at Guy's. Good eyesight is also of paramount importance.

Family doctors may envy dentists their more regular working hours. Dentists, however, unless in salaried positions – and the majority are not – face pressures of a different kind. They need financial expertise, operating, as they do, self-employed businesses. There are, however, business management courses which dentists can take.

"You can't afford to be ill either", says Michèle succinctly. "No work: no pay, although we do insure against this." It is not widely appreciated that most dentists are self employed. Moreover, unlike *doctors, who receive a basic fee for every* patient registered with them, dentists in the General Dental Service have no fixed income.

Patients are not required to register: they may go where they choose: (it is therefore in the dentist's interests to keep them happy). Also, dentists are paid on what is, frankly, a piece-work basis, with an agreed fee for each type of treatment.

The system has its advantages, too, of course. Hardworking dentists can earn considerably more than the NHS recommended target income, which was £21,700 in 1986-7.

At the same time, the pressure is on to keep a full appointment book. When I *went to talk to Brian and Michèle it* was during their lunch hour.

There are frustrations over the way dentists are paid. Most people know that the NHS pays more for corrective or conservative treatment than for preventive work.

In 1986-87, 48 per cent of the cost of the General Dental Service was spent on conservative dentistry and extractions, and 14 *per cent on dentures*. Some dentists consequently worry that the more time they spend on preventive dentistry, the faster they are doing themselves out of a job.

There are approximately 25,000 registered dentists in the UK (one in six are women) of whom *17,500 provide general* dental services. Some of them combine this work with hospital work or private practice: others do NHS work only.

As a GP, Brian owns the practice and is responsible for the salaries of the nurses and receptionists, for deciding which dental laboratories to use and for paying them as well, and for the cost of premises and equipment. The rise of Aids has entailed more expenditure on the latter.

"Everything that goes in patients' mouths is thrown away: we have more expensive sterilizers and autoclaves, to prevent cross infection – and we wear gloves."

Michèle, as an associate, receives fees worked out as a percentage of gross earnings. This is her second job, and she *loves it. She deals mainly, but not* exclusively, with families and young children.

What was it like at first? "I had to learn to work much more quickly when I was qualified. At college you saw about four patients a day. Now I treat 20 on average. I've had to learn to work with a nurse; and to be tactful.

"People don't always react well when their dental hygiene is criticized. Very important – I've learned not to take it personally if a patient doesn't want to see me again. You can't get on with everyone."

Young dentists cannot afford to operate solo

Unlike doctors, dentists are not required to do any further training on graduation. They can, in theory, put up a plate on the door and wait for patients to arrive, and any registered dentist wishing to provide general dental services is free to apply to a local Family Practitioner Committee to be included in their list.

In practice, young dentists cannot *afford to set up on their own: nor do they* have business experience. Most, therefore, spend several years as assistants. Not all dentists work in practice: there are some salaried posts for NHS work.

About 2,000 work in Community Dentistry, provided again through the Family Practitioner Committee, giving dental care to children, expectant mothers, disabled people, and a visiting service to the elderly in their own or residential homes.

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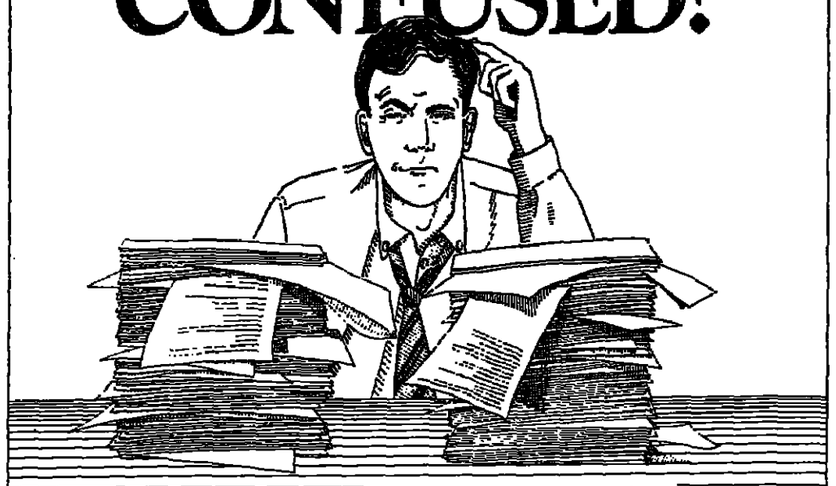
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Court of Appeal

Legal duty to preserve confidences

Stephens v Avery and Others
Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor
[Judgment February 26]

There was no reason why information relating to sexual conduct could not be the subject of an enforceable duty of confidentiality. Where such information was communicated to another person, expressly in confidence, and that other person subsequently disclosed that information to another, the proposition that, in the absence either of a legally enforceable contract or a pre-existing relationship, such as employer/employee or doctor and patient, it was not possible to enforce a legal duty of confidence was plainly wrong in law.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Mrs Anne Avery, Mr Stewart Steven and Mail Newspapers plc, against the refusal by Master Barratt, on October 8, 1987, to strike out the statement of claim of the plaintiff, Mrs Rosemary Stephens, seeking, *inter alia*, damages for breach of confidence.

Mr Alastair Wilson, QC and Mrs Kerin Pillans for the defendants; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Vivienne Gay for the plaintiff.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the background facts were lurid, being connected with the killing of a Mrs Telling by her husband. The trial of Mr Telling received much publicity. He was convicted of manslaughter.

Information of a sexual relationship between Mrs Stephens and Mrs Telling was disclosed by Mrs Avery and published in July 1984 under the heading "Rosemary's story" in a newspaper, thus identifying the plaintiff as the woman whom Mr Telling alleged he had surprised with his wife. The plaintiff was not called at the trial.

The plaintiff alleged breach of confidence made to a friend, expressly in confidence, though she accepted that the facts published were substantially correct.

Mr Wilson contended that the information communicated to Mrs Avery was not of a kind the confidentiality of which was protected by the law, and that the circumstances in which it was communicated were not such as to raise a duty of confidentiality.

Three requirements that had to be satisfied before the court would protect information as being legally confidential were laid down by the Court of Appeal in *Saltman Engineering Co Ltd v Campbell Engineering Co Ltd* ((1848) 65 RPC 203) and summarized by Mr Justice Megarry in *Coco v A. N. Clark (Engineers) Ltd* ([1969] RPC 41, 47) where he said that the information (i) must have the necessary quality of confidence about it (ii) must have been imparted in circumstances importing an obligation of confidence and (iii) must have been used in an unauthorized way to the detriment of the party communicating it.

Here there was no dispute as to the third point.

As to the first, Mr Wilson contended that the law did not protect information relating to sexual conduct or proclivities of an individual, save to such extent as it occurred between married parties: he described such information as mere gossip or tittle-tattle.

The law, he said, did not protect information of grossly immoral behaviour, and he relied on an analogy with the court's refusal to protect copyright in works of a grossly immoral nature, citing *Glyn v Weston Feature Film Co Ltd* ([1916] 1 Ch 261).

Further, both parties to such sexual activities knew what had happened and so the information lacked the necessary quality of confidentiality.

While his Lordship accepted the principle that a court of equity would not enforce a copyright (or presumably a duty of confidence) relating to matters which had a grossly immoral tendency, the difficulty today was to identify such conduct.

Whereas in 1915 there was a code of sexual morals accepted by the overwhelming majority of society, now no such general code existed: there was no common view that sexual conduct of any kind between consenting adults was grossly immoral.

The plaintiff's sexual conduct was not so morally shocking as to prevent the third defendant, in a major national newspaper, from spreading the story on its front and inside pages. The submission for the defendants lay ill in the mouth of those who, with barely concealed glee, had spread the news nationwide for their own personal profit.

Given that there was now no generally accepted code of sexual morality, it would be quite wrong for any judge to apply his own moral view, however strongly held, since the court's function was to apply the law, not personal prejudice.

To contend that because both parties were aware of the facts, they could not be confidential was wholly misconceived. It was based on a premise that either party was free to discuss the matter with the whole world, but the mere fact that two people knew of a secret did not mean that it was not confidential. To most people the details of their sex lives were high on the list of those matters which they regard as confidential.

In his Lordship's judgment such information was capable of being kept secret by imposing a duty of confidence on any person to whom it was communicated. Information only ceased to be confidential when it was in fact known to a substantial number of people, as was shown by the judgments in the Court of Appeal in *Attorney-General v Guardian Newspapers Ltd (No 2)* (*The Times* February 11, 1988).

Neither in principle nor on authority was there any reason why information relating to sexual matters should not be the subject of an enforceable duty of confidentiality.

As to the circumstances in which the information was imparted, Mr Wilson contended that in the absence either of a legally enforceable contract or a pre-existing relationship, such as that of employer and employee or doctor and patient, it was not possible to enforce a legal duty of confidence merely by saying that it was imparted in confidence.

That contention was plainly wrong in law. The basis of the court's intervention was that it was unconscionable for a person who had received information in confidence subsequently to reveal it. Although the relationship between parties was important in deciding whether there was an express or implied duty of confidence, it was not the determining factor.

If, as was here alleged, the information was expressly imparted in confidence, Mrs Avery's conscience was as much affected as in any other case: there was the clearest possible imposition of a duty of confidence.

Thus on the special grounds argued it had not been shown that there was no legal basis for the plaintiff's claim, and the court would dismiss the application to strike it out.

On the more general field of public policy, to which Mr Wilson attempted to expand his attack, the case undoubtedly raised fundamental difficulties as between, on the one hand, the privacy which every individual was entitled to expect and the freedom of information on the other hand.

To many, the aggressive intrusion of sections of the Press into private lives of individuals was unpalatable; on the other hand, the ability of the Press to obtain and publish for the public benefit information of serious public interest, as opposed to general public titillation, might be impaired if information obtained through confidants was too widely protected by the law.

Was the Press to be liable for printing the truth?

His Lordship would express no view as to where or how the borderline should be drawn. On any footing such a point of law was wholly unsuited to determination on a striking-out issue; it required the most accurate formulation and analysis and was a matter for determination at the trial.

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Boy aged three must give evidence

In re G (a Minor)
Before Mr Justice Ewbank
[Judgment February 26]

The court had no jurisdiction to set aside a witness summons requiring a boy aged three who was a ward of court to give evidence in court-martial proceedings initiated by the United States Air Force against the boy's stepfather, a member of the USAF stationed in the UK, Mr Justice Ewbank held in chambers in the Family Division when dismissing an application by the local authority to set aside the witness summons.

Miss Caroline Budden for the local authority; Mr Allan Levy for the guardian *ad litem*; Mr Geoffrey D. Rich, solicitor, for the mother and stepfather; Mr Lyndon B. James, Lincoln, solicitor, for the USAF.

MR JUSTICE EWBANK said that the child had suffered severe bruising in June 1987. The child had been born in the United States and was a US national.

A place of safety order and an interim care order had been obtained by the local authority in August 1987 and the boy was now with foster parents. In September he had been made a ward of court on the application of the local authority.

The USAF had commenced court-martial proceedings against the stepfather on a charge of causing injury to the boy.

In his Lordship's opinion it was contrary to the child's best interests to appear in court but the court was driven to the conclusion that there was lack of jurisdiction as the provisions of section 2 of the Visiting Forces Act 1952 applied.

By that section the service courts of visiting armed forces exercised over persons subject to their jurisdiction all such powers as were exercisable by them in accordance with the law of the forces' country of origin.

By paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Visiting Forces and International Headquarters (Application of Law) Order (SI 1965 No 1536) any non-service person required as a witness for the purposes of a service court of a visiting force might be summoned to attend.

The court had no power to set aside the witness summons. The boy would be interviewed in the presence of the guardian *ad litem*.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr L. A. Witham, Cambridge; Official Solicitor; Lewis Foskett & Co, South Woodford, for Plummer Forshaw & Harrington, Mildenhall; USAF Legal Service.

No jurisdiction to hear second appeal

Regina v Pinfold
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Pill
[Judgment February 22]

There was no jurisdiction in the Court of Appeal to entertain an application for leave to appeal out of time against conviction after the applicant's appeal against the conviction had been dismissed.

The Court of Appeal so held when refusing for want of jurisdiction an application by Terence Joseph Pinfold, who was convicted in November 1980 at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice May and a jury) of the murder in 1974 of Terence ("Teddy Bear") Eve. In November 1981 the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ackner, Lord Justice Dunn and Mr Justice Brown) dismissed the applicant's appeal against the conviction.

Mr Michael Mansfield, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the applicant.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that, although on the face of it the application was for leave to appeal against conviction out of time, in fact it was an application for the court to determine whether there was jurisdiction to entertain the application for leave to appeal.

There was no question at present of any decision on the merits either of the application for an extension of time or on the facts of the case.

Section 1 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 gave a right of appeal against a conviction on indictment and section 2, which provided that the Court of Appeal "shall" allow an appeal, set out the grounds for allowing an appeal.

Nothing on the face of the words of sections 1 and 2 said in terms that one appeal was all that an appellant was allowed. However, in their Lordships' view, one had to read the provisions against the interests of the public in general that there should be a limit of the finality to legal proceedings.

Their Lordships had been unable to discover, and counsel had been unable to discover, any situation in which a right of appeal couched in similar terms to those of sections 1 and 2 had been construed as a right to pursue more than one appeal in one case.

In the 1968 Act there were, perhaps, two apparent exceptions. The first was where the decision on the "original" appeal could be regarded as a nullity. That was more commonly applied where there had been an application to treat a notice of abandonment as a nullity.

The second apparent exception, which might be simply an example of the first, was where owing to some defect in the procedure the appellant had, on the "first" appeal being dismissed, suffered an injustice.

The first "exception" was perhaps an indication that no one had ever considered that an appellant was entitled to appeal twice. If there were such a right there would be no necessity to set aside a notice of abandonment.

Mr Mansfield conceded that that was right where the same point was to be raised. However, he suggested that the position changed where there was an application under section 23 to call fresh evidence. That was the main plank of his argument.

What was suggested was that section 23 permitted a new appeal to be launched despite the fact that an earlier appeal had been refused — providing always that it was a fresh point which was being raised. For example, where as here, there was a new witness who could cast on the case new light that could not have been cast before because the witness was not known to exist or what he was prepared to say.

R v Grantham ([1969] 2 QB 574), a Courts-Martial Appeal Court decision, had many similarities to the circumstances of the present case. Lord Justice Widgery, who gave the reserved judgment of the court, said (at p580): "Parliament must be presumed to be mindful of the need to make an end to proceedings and *prima facie* an appeal means one appeal and 'an application' means one application".

Lord Justice Widgery then went on to consider the powers of the secretary of state to refer a case to the Court of Appeal, and said that the purpose of those powers became obscure if the applicant could always approach the court directly.

Mr Mansfield said that it was not the present applicant's fault that the evidence which was sought to be adduced came to light late in the day. He did not know it existed and, counsel suggested, to cast the applicant on the mercy of the secretary of state would be an injustice — it would be imposing between the applicant and the court the further discretion of the secretary of state, which might not be exercised in his favour. That would be unfair.

In *Grantham* a rejected submission was that, since the equivalent of section 23 of the Criminal Appeal Act provided that the court "shall" receive tendered evidence if the conditions were satisfied, the court had jurisdiction to hear the application; otherwise it could not comply with the mandatory terms of the section. That case, as applied to the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, said in other words, that before section 23 could come into operation the applicant had to bring himself within section 1.

In their Lordships' judgment, *Grantham* was correct and they concluded that they had no jurisdiction to entertain the application which had to be refused.

Differing views on contempt evidence

Regina v Griffin
Before Lord Justice Mustill, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Potts
[Judgment February 12]

The impromptu and informal summary procedure for dealing with contempt of court, postponing a jury trial for the substantive offences, was not necessarily appropriate in cases where the judge and the jury might take different views on essentially the same evidence.

The Court of Appeal so stated on allowing the appeal of Joseph Griffin against his conviction on September 7, 1987 at Coventry Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder A. W. McCreath) for contempt of court and sentence of nine months' imprisonment.

Mr Rex Tedd, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Colin Mackintosh for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was alleged that the appellant had sprayed a man called Mark Swinburn and another man in the eyes with liquid ammonia. Griffin was arrested and charged with two counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and one of possessing an offensive weapon. He was committed for trial.

On the morning of the trial, a statement from Swinburn was produced to the trial judge. According to Swinburn's statement he had been approached by Griffin the previous Thursday evening when Griffin had said that he did not have to go to court if he did not want to and that there would be enough in his pocket for a drink if he did not turn up.

Then, on the morning of the trial, Griffin had said to him that he could refuse to give evidence.

The trial judge decided to proceed summarily against Griffin for contempt of court after no more than a brief discussion with both counsel.

At the end of the hearing the judge informed Griffin that he was satisfied that there was a contempt of court by a remark made by him that morning to persuade Swinburn not to give evidence and that he was going to send him to prison but would delay doing so until after the trial.

In the course of the trial, Swinburn, in describing what had happened at the public house, said that Griffin had threatened him with violence and offered him money to persuade him not to give evidence. He was unable to explain the discrepancy between that and his evidence in the contempt proceedings.

The jury found Griffin not guilty on all three counts.

Their Lordships considered that it was essential to bear in mind the distinction between three questions:

1 Did the acts complained of amount to a contempt of court?

2 Did the court have jurisdiction to proceed summarily?

3 Was this a case in which, if the jurisdiction did exist, the judge should have chosen to exercise it rather than proceed in some other way?

On the first question there was no issue. It was beyond doubt that activities taking place before or after the trial and away from the precinct of the court were capable of amounting to contempt.

Equally it was considered that there was no doubt as to the jurisdiction of the court to proceed summarily.

The real question was whether the judge had been right to exercise those powers.

Their Lordships considered that the judge had acted too quickly.

If he had given himself and counsel the opportunity to consider and assess the various courses of action it would not have taken long to envisage the difficulties which later ensued.

In considering whether the judge should have dealt with the matter summarily the Court of Appeal felt obliged to say that the impromptu and informal summary procedure was not well-suited to a case of that kind. The risks of postponing the summary process until after the trial were small since the events complained of had not prevented the witnesses from coming forward and any further interference was ruled out by the reduction of the appellant to custody.

On the other side of the balance was the risk, which would have been obvious if time had been taken to work out the most appropriate course, that the jury might take one view and the judge another on essentially the same evidence.

Their Lordships were of the opinion that the unsatisfactory appearance of the whole case was the result of an inappropriate choice of procedure. In saying that they laid down no blueprint for the conduct of contempt proceedings in general. The present case had been unusual and every situation was different.

They had found, however, that there had been an irregularity which had led to what might, at the least, be regarded as an appearance of injustice and were constrained to quash the conviction and allow the appeal.

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CRICKET: TEST AND COUNTY DELEGATES READY TO INCREASE FINES AND SUSPENSIONS ON PLAYERS WHO DISGRACE THE GAME

TCCB prepares to fight indiscipline

By Richard Streeton

Heavy fines and suspension for the worst offences could face English cricketers this summer if they show dissent to umpires or behave badly in other respects. Following the various stormy incidents on the England winter tours, delegates to three days of Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) meetings at Lord's this week are certain to insist that strong measures be taken to improve conduct on the field.

The vehemence among county club officials that England players must never again be seen to argue with umpires, heard to swear or knock their stumps over, would amaze the guilty players. "Whatever the provocation, or the umpiring mistakes, a cricketer who cannot behave properly should not be playing" was how one county chairman put it.

The present TCCB mood is such that its disciplinary committee has already done its legal homework as the body braces itself to suspend players more frequently than it has ever done in the past. Chris Old, in 1983 for unauthorized newspaper comments, and Ian Botham, in 1986 for self-confessed drug-taking, have been among the rare instances of players being banned in recent years. Now it could become more common, particularly as it is felt that fines have become less effective because of improved wages.

It will be stressed that the TCCB still hopes that the counties will discipline their own players when necessary, as Lancashire did Jack Simmons last season. Simmons received a week's ban for tantrums during a Roses match and the TCCB disciplinary committee felt the punishment was appropriate and took no further action. If a county is too lenient, the board in future will not hesitate to intervene.

At the higher levels, the TCCB will request the Test selectors not to pick those who regularly misbehave. It will also review the present disciplinary system on tours, when the manager has to carry sole responsibility for fining players or deciding whether to send them home.

There has been a steady decline in behaviour for several years in the English game, with adverse reaction to the decisions of umpires becoming more and more blatant. It took the widely televised controversies in Pakistan before Christmas to emphasize how serious the problem has become. TCCB officials are also conscious that ill-mannered conduct by first-class players has percolated down to the clubs and schools.

David Whiley, the chairman of the 5,000-strong Association of Cricket Umpires (ACU), said the deterioration has been rapid in recent years, not least since ordinary clubs became involved with leagues. Bad language had increased and the special relationship between players and umpires had suffered. The ACU knew many cases of umpires becoming disillusioned and two recent resignations from the ACU specifically mentioned the Gatting-Shakoor Rana incident as their reason.

A random check in different parts of the country confirmed the trend as local officials struggle with problems previously rare in cricket. The Northampton Town League can no longer find umpires for a neutral panel.

In Somerset, the local umpiring association, having made certain the leagues will back it, has already suspended a player from the first six matches this summer following misconduct in 1987.

Ian Chappell, the secretary of the Yorkshire Cricket Association, which with 123 leagues and some 1,140 clubs is the largest in the country, said: "The umpires and all of us are definitely apprehensive about the coming summer after what we have seen on television this winter. Young players especially copy the Test players. Hugging and kissing after taking a wicket is bad enough to older people, but worse is the increase in swearing, spitting and dissent."

This is the background against which the TCCB executive meets today to frame the new thinking on discipline. Further plain speaking will come tomorrow, when the 17 county chairmen meet to discuss the events in Pakistan. The full board sits on Thursday.

No further board meetings are scheduled before the International Cricket Conference (ICC) meets in July. Delegates this week, therefore, will also discuss England's policy about independent umpires in Tests – West Indies have, incidentally, indicated that they will be happy to have English umpires in this summer's series – and ICC moves to stop individuals playing or coaching in South Africa.

BASKETBALL

American pair wait for Lloyd decision

By Nicholas Harling

The Carlsberg League title has come to rest at Portsmouth and so, for once, may the club's two Americans. Marc Glass and Richard Strong could set something of a record by becoming the first pair of Americans to come back for a second season at the Mountbatten Centre, although Dan Lloyd, the Portsmouth coach, was being typically cagey yesterday.

With the national championship play-offs and a possible Wembley appearance yet to come, plus the later stages of the NatWest competition, the last thing Lloyd wants is for any of his players to feel over-secure. "They've done a good job but there would be a danger of complacency if they knew they were coming back for certain. I haven't even talked to them yet. We'll have to see what happens. I haven't decided *not* to ask them back," he said.

In a sport where cohesion and understanding are of paramount importance, Portsmouth, considering their swift turnover of Americans, have done remarkably well since John Deacon, their chairman, bought the franchise from the stricken Telford club and resurrected it four years ago.

Kalpatrick Wells and José Slaughter moved on after the first full season ended in acrimony, while last season's eventual pairing of Danny Williams and Laurence Held parted company after making only fleeting contributions to Portsmouth's first championship success. Neither of their immediate successors, Kenny Stancell and Tony Karasek, survived the start of this season.

	P	W	L	Pts
Portsmouth	27	25	2	50
Kingston	28	22	4	44
Livingston	27	21	6	42
Man Utd	27	21	6	42
Calderdale	27	19	8	38
Bracknell	27	16	11	32
Birmingham	27	14	13	28
Solent	26	13	13	26
Leicester	27	13	14	26
Bolton/Bury	27	11	16	24
Hemel/Watford	27	9	18	18
Sunderland	27	8	19	16
Derby	27	4	23	8
Oldham	27	3	24	6
BCP London	26	2	24	4

Glass, a dextrous guard, and Strong, a bustling forward, both made significant contributions to Saturday's 94-80 triumph at Bolton, which enabled Lloyd to become the first coach in five years to retain the league title.

And while Portsmouth contemplate the return of their two Americans, TNT Bullets, their possible play-off opponents, are resigned to being without one of theirs. Daren Rowe, who has been forced to return home. He signed off with 12 points in the 93-90 win at Hemel Hempstead, securing Birmingham's place in the last eight.

Bracknell Tigers, who had already qualified, benefited from two contentious refereeing decisions which went against Jeff Jones, of Manchester United, to clinch an almost certain play-off against Murray Livingston. Bracknell's 104-101 win will almost certainly condemn United to facing Calderdale Explorers, their least favourite opponents.

With no chance of play-offs, only honour was at stake at Crystal Palace where the home side collected their second league win of the season at the expense of fellow strugglers, Oldham, 98-97.

Draw on lifeless pitch takes the shine off Greatbatch's century

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Auckland

When the habitually reserved England captain describes a Test match as "a bit of a farce" and offers to help dig up the pitch on which it was played, you know all too plainly that what has just been passed off as entertainment in sport has in fact been an exercise in futility.

Without wishing to detract from the achievement of Mark Greatbatch, who put to rest any fond thoughts of an England victory yesterday with a century, full of character, on his New Zealand debut, the only unique feature of this second Test match is the priceless piece of trivia that it is the first in history to end on leap year day.

It was a match of desperately poor quality, played by two dull teams on a dull pitch. "It had its moments," Mike Gatting ventured last night before conceding: "I have to say it was close to being the most soulless and uninspiring Test I have ever played in." For Gatting, who is far from being the most outspoken man in cricket, this was akin to saying the match should have been killed at birth.

Gatting doubtless has private, unprintable thoughts about the standard of umpiring. One would hope he is also nursing some thoughts about the lack of purpose and penetration in some of his team's cricket. In public, however, he vented all his frustrations on the Eden Park pitch and no one was inclined to argue with his judgements.

"I would give it one out of 10 as a Test pitch," he said. "When bowlers of Graham Dilley's pace can't get the ball above stump height, it is a bit of a farce. We are asked to do a job of work and we have done our best. But if people here want to see some good cricket, they will have to provide pitches with a bit more bounce."

Gatting is not the first England captain to condemn playing conditions in New Zealand, and specifically at Auckland, but as he customarily confines his after-match comments to the bare essentials, the vigour of his attack was revealing. It was not, however, conducted in a surly or vitriolic fashion; indeed, when told that the Auckland authorities are considering digging up and relaying the pitch, he quipped: "I will happily give them a hand."

Although refusing to discuss the umpiring in this game, Gatting's humour extended to the subject of officials in the next match at Wellington, now confirmed as Steve Woodward and Brian Aldridge. "We asked for Fred but he wasn't available," Gatting joked, a reference to the perennially contentious Fred Goodall, whose most debatable decisions in this game – two against England, one against New Zealand – were utterly upstaged by the dismissal of Martin Crowe on Sunday, adjudged leg-before by his colleague, Rodger McHarg.

Oddly enough, it was the plain injustice of this decision which inspired yesterday's match-saving innings. Greatbatch is a long-standing friend and admirer of Crowe; the two grew up together in Auckland and went to the same school. Last summer, they shared a house in Taunton while Greatbatch spent a highly successful season in the second team at Crowe's county, Somerset.

Apart from being a left-hander, Greatbatch even has many of Crowe's idiosyncrasies when batting and it was doubtless one of his great satisfactions yesterday that, with his mentor gone, he was himself able to stave off defeat.

Greatbatch batted in all for 408 minutes and gave only one chance – inevitably, a miss at slip – when on 71. This was the fourth slip catch out of five offered in the match that England had dropped, but by that stage, any chance of winning the game had long since disappeared.

Gatting says he began the day full of hope that the new ball, available within four overs, would provide the final breakthrough necessary. With New Zealand already five wickets down, and only 132 ahead, his optimism was not entirely fanciful, but it was swiftly dashed by an untroubled stand between Greatbatch and Snedden.

They were together almost three hours and had taken the lead past 200 before Capel, who seems very much a last-resort bowler in Gatting's scheme of things, had Snedden caught behind down the leg-side.

The rest was purely academic. Emburey reeled off 30 overs without taking a wicket, the somnolent pitch no help at all to his style of high-action spin bowling. After tea, we were subjected to the sight of Gatting himself bustling through no fewer than 16 overs before giving way to the real joke bowlers.

This was, in some way, a fitting end to such a numbing contest, a game which averaged 195 runs and five wickets per day, attracted only about 25,000 spectators in all.

One dissenting voice was that of Jeff Crowe, the New Zealand captain, who insisted: "I don't think it was a boring match. There was a lot of intrigue today." Crowe, however, is now out of a job. . . .

SCOREBOARD FROM AUCKLAND

England won toss

NEW ZEALAND

First Innings 301 (J G Wright 103; G R Dilley 5 for 60).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
T J Franklin b Dilley	62	–	8	208	155
J G Wright c French b Radford	49	–	6	217	189
*J J Crowe lbw b Dilley	1	–	–	13	14
M D Crowe lbw b Jarvis	26	–	5	67	60
M J Greatbatch not out	107	–	12	407	325
K R Rutherford b Emburey	2	–	–	18	16
M C Snedden c French b Capel	20	–	2	162	115
J G Bracewell lbw b Gatting	38	–	1	115	111
†I D S Smith not out	23	–	5	46	39
Extras (b 8, lb 8, nb 6)	22				
Total (7 wkts dec)	350				

D K Morrison and E J Chatfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-117, 2-119, 3-119, 4-150, 5-153, 6-232, 7-296.

BOWLING: Dilley 23-9-44-2; Jarvis 27-7-54-1; Radford 20-4-53-1 (4 nb); Emburey 57-24-91-1 (2 nb); Capel 21-4-40-1; Gatting 17-4-40-1; Fairbrother 2-0-9-0; Moxon 2-0-3-0.

ENGLAND

First Innings 323 (M D Moxon 99, R T Robinson 54; E J Chatfield 4 for 37).

Man of the match: J G Wright.

Umpires: F R Goodall and R L McHarg.



Still coaching after all these years: Gover, aged 80, the proprietor of the Gover Cricket School (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

A master content to bat on

And it's Alf Gover coming in to bowl from the Wandsworth End . . . Gover, tall, lean, loose-limbed, silver-haired, still regularly using himself for four-hour spells 41 years after his retirement from the county game and, to his own amazement, celebrating his eightieth birthday yesterday.

Gover, clad as ever in immaculate white flannels and MCC sweater, is in the nets at his celebrated cricket school in south London, a 60-year-old establishment which he took over from his great Surrey team colleagues, Andrew Sandham and Herbert Strudwick, in 1951. This he did almost by accident, having taken a break from a career in the building trade to help them out. He went for a year, but stayed for a lifetime.

In the course of those four decades, some 35,000 pupils from all over the world have passed through the inconspicuous side door, up the steep steps, through the little billiard hall and into the dressing-rooms. They have included one F. J. Titmus, a seamer whom Middlesex wanted converted to an off-break bowler; R. G. D. Willis, whom Gover once recommended to his old county as a batsman who could bowl a bit; and, in the early 1970s, two promising young men from Antigua by the names of Richards and Roberts.

Even today Gover watches his former pupils on the television as they stride on to the pitch of far-flung grounds, scarcely able to keep his advice to himself. "It's absolutely wonderful when you see them doing exactly what you would have told them to do in the circumstances," he says in a laconic drawl. "Yet I think my most rewarding experience as a coach concerned a fellow who came to me years ago: a businessman, he was, from the West Country. He'd given a lot of support to his village side, but he'd never actually been able to play for them.

"I noticed that he had rather a funny walk, and it turned out that he'd lost half a leg in the war, and he also had faulty vision in his left eye.

He came here for four weeks, and because it was his back foot that was damaged, I tried to teach him to play everything off the front foot. Well, not long afterwards he rang me up from the village, in tremendous excitement, to say that he'd just scored a 50. I think that delighted me as much as anything."

As a bowler, Gover, fast and always supremely fit, was in the top flight; 1,551 wickets for Surrey in his 20 years there between 1927 and 1947, and four appearances for England, twice against India and twice against New Zealand. He reckons that had it not been for the war years, he could have caught Tom Richardson's county record of 2,109. He might also have played more often for his country, although "there were some rather useful fast bowlers about at that time; Larwood, Voce, Allen . . ."

As far as the skills of coaching are concerned, Gover puts much of it down to memory. Much, but not all: "You've either got it or you haven't. When you're a bowler, you're looking at the batsmen all the time, for hour after hour, studying how to get them out. You can develop an eye for mechanical movement. You get fellows, for example, who have a short back-lift – John Edrich, or D'Oliveira or Colin Milburn – and perfect timing and strong forearms. It would be no use for a coach to expect natural punchers like that to try to develop a swinging kind of style."

He is blessed with an extraordinary recall, the kind that enables him, even after an interval of 25 years, to remember the smallest idiosyncrasies of almost any pupil. "I can say: 'Oh, yes, you're the fellow that used to turn his left hand outwards,' or whatever, even though I can never remember names. These days I end up calling everyone 'old boy' after a while."

Everything in the Gover Cricket School, from the photographs of old heroes on the bar wall to the four matted strips at the back of the premises (gas-lit until three years ago), to the proprietor himself, have remained virtually unchanged this past quarter of a century.

Retirement? He sounds as reluctant about the possibility as Geoff Boycott on 99. "What would I do? You retire to die. This is my whole life. If I retired, I'd only want to do so in order to teach cricket. I know I don't need to work. I've got that big house next door, I've got money invested and so on, but . . . no, no."

And then, humorously: "My trouble is that I don't realize I am an old man." He can be forgiven. As he was a leap year baby, born on February 29, only a quarter of his innings has been recorded on life's scoreboard. Like most men of 20, his eyes are fixed on the future.

Alan Franks

ICE HOCKEY

Title hope is fading for Wasps

By a Special Correspondent

Whitley Warriors, one of three clubs tied on 46 points at the head of the table, are the new favourites to win the Heineken League for the first time. While Warriors skated to two comfortable victories at the weekend, against clubs in the lower half of the table, their great rivals, Durham Wasps, probably saw their last hopes of a third League title in four years slip away in a surprise defeat at Nottingham.

In the most exciting game seen at the Ice Stadium this season, Craig Melancon and Mike Jeffrey each scored four goals in Nottingham Panthers' 10-9 victory, as did Rick Brebant and Ian Cooper, the outstanding British forward for the visiting Wasps.

While the former leaders, Fife Flyers, had a free weekend, Murrayfield Racers moved to the top on goal difference with an 8-6 victory over Ayr Bruins in a trouble-filled game. A total of 90 minutes in penalties was handed out by the referee, who ordered both teams to the dressing-rooms to cool off for a few minutes towards the end of the second period. When they returned, five players, three from Murrayfield and two from Ayr, were missing, ejected from the game for fighting and other sundry offences.

Of the three teams at the top, Murrayfield and Fife have six games to play and Whitley eight. Durham, in fourth place, have 41 points and seven games left.

Nottingham Panthers followed their surprising victory over Durham Wasps with an equally unexpected result, a 7-4 defeat by the bottom club, Peterborough Pirates.

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division: Murrayfield Racers 8, Ayr Bruins 6; Nottingham Panthers 10, Durham Wasps 9; Peterborough Pirates 8, Whitley Warriors 9; Durham Wasps 18, Solihull Barons 5; Peterborough Pirates 7, Nottingham Panthers 4; Whitley Warriors 16, Streatham Redskins 8. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 7, Deeside Dragons 5; Slough Jets 7, Cardiff Devils 5; Sunderland Chiefs 17, Aviemore Blackhawks 3; Cardiff Devils 7, Southampton Vikings 5; Deeside Dragons 2, Cleveland Bombers 22; Glasgow Eagles 19, Sunderland Chiefs 13; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 18, Aviemore Blackhawks 3; Lee Valley Lions 8, Swindon Wildcats 11; Medway Bears 5, Telford Tigers 10; Richmond Flyers 3, Slough Jets 21; Trafford Metros 8, Blackpool Seagulls 5.

CYCLING

Adkins out to beat the pain

By Peter Bryan

Eddie Adkins, winner of the North Road hard riders 25 miles trial in Hertfordshire on Sunday, rode with a new confidence that he hopes can be maintained throughout the new season.

The Aylesbury rider, who was second in the year-long British best all-rounder competition in 1987, believes he has found the remedy for a painful left knee which has often brought him to a standstill in the last two years.

"The pain has been intense at times, especially in the longer distance events, but the solution seems to be a simple one and is just a question of strapping the leg just below the knee," he said yesterday.

Now Adkins, aged 39, is confident that he can again do battle in this year's all-rounder series – decided by events at 50 and 100 miles and 12 hours.

"At my time of life all that is left for me competitively is to win the all-rounder title," he said. "I'm not too old although I shall be in the veteran category next year. After all John Woodburn was well past 40 when he took the title 10 years ago."

Michelin returned to professional sponsorship yesterday with the announcement that they will put up £20,000 in prize-money for the new series of televised city centre races this season. The events will be held in Glasgow (May 8), Northampton (June 19), Ipswich (June 23), Lincoln (August 3) and Sheffield (August 5).

STUDENT SPORT: LAST TWO EVENTS PROVIDE WINNING KEY FOR LIGHT BLUES

Cambridge triumph in the Varsity Games

By Jim Railton

Cambridge won the sixteenth Varsity Games, but the overall result after three days and almost 20 annual inter-university matches was decided by the last two events, the men's and women's athletic relays. Cambridge, who lead the series 11-5, triumphed 10 events to nine with one – the women's karate – drawn.

The games, sponsored by Norwich Union, were held over a long weekend at Oxford University's Iffley Road sports complex and the Beechdale Road baths in Nottingham. The event is an enterprising project organized by the students and one aim is to reduce travel costs by busing large groups of sportsmen and women between Oxford and Cambridge.

There were some very close and thrilling competitions. The women's netball match was fiercely contested throughout the whole game, with Oxford just snatching victory in the dying moments. Cambridge took the men's and women's judo by just one bout each time. The 4 x 100 metres relays in the men's swimming match were won by a touch each time. Cambridge won the medley relay and Oxford the freestyle.

Oxford, despite having Steve Moorhouse, the international player, in the water polo team, were beaten by a Cambridge side with two student internationals in action – Miguel Ortiz and Mike Yates.

Simon Mugglestone, Oxford's European junior and United Kingdom senior 5,000 metres champion, and Jon Ridgeon, Cambridge's world 110 metres hurdles silver medal winner, did not compete in the athletic relays. Mugglestone had international duties in Portugal. None the less, in the last two matches of the day, Cambridge were convincing winners of the men's and women's relays to secure overall victory.

The guest of honour was Derek Johnson, the 1956 Olympic silver medal winner, president of the International Athletes' Club and a former president of Oxford University Athletic Club. He was impressed with the organization. "It is good to see minor sports at Oxford and Cambridge gaining the prominence they deserve under the umbrella of the Varsity Games," he said.

RESULTS: Men: Swimming: Cambridge bt Oxford 48-42. Water polo: Cambridge bt Oxford 26-7. Table tennis: Oxford bt Cambridge 5-4. Volleyball: Cambridge bt Oxford 3-0. Basketball: Oxford bt Cambridge 104-87. Karate: Cambridge bt Oxford 22-10. Fencing: Cambridge bt Oxford 15-12. Judo: Cambridge bt Oxford 4-3. Athletic relays: Cambridge bt Oxford 6-1. Women: Swimming: Oxford bt Cambridge 42-37. Water polo: Oxford bt Cambridge 11-2. Table tennis: Oxford bt Cambridge 9-1. Netball: Oxford bt Cambridge 39-38. Volleyball: Oxford bt Cambridge 3-0. Basketball: Oxford bt Cambridge 68-21. Karate: Oxford and Cambridge drew 6-6. Fencing: Cambridge bt Oxford 10-6. Judo: Cambridge bt Oxford 3-2. Athletic relays: Cambridge bt Oxford 4-1. Pistol Shooting: Oxford bt Cambridge 2,040-1,903pts.

First defence

San Juan (AP) – The World Boxing Association super-bantamweight champion, Bernardo Pinango, of Venezuela, will defend his newlywon title in April against Seung Hom Le, of Japan.

Whale holds title after hard test by Baddeley

By Yuri Matischen

Simon Whale, the No. 1 seed in the British Universities' men's badminton championship, duly won his second successive singles title at Leeds University at the weekend.

Whale, a Nottinghamshire county player from Nottingham University, beat Robert Baddeley, of Cambridge University, 15-10, 11-15, 15-13 in a hotly-contested final. The efforts of the weekend perhaps took a greater toll on Baddeley in what proved to be a marathon

Baddeley, a Sussex county team-member and the brother of Steve Baddeley, the England player, sustained an eye injury in the final game, which seemed to impair his vision.

But Baddeley's disappointment was short-lived. He combined with Carole Page (Cambridge University) to win the mixed doubles against the London University pair of Paul Walden and Julie Goodeve in another thrilling match, 15-10, 11-15, 15-13.

Whale and David Bennett (Nottingham University) successfully outmanoeuvred Paul Bishop and Paul Walden (London) in the men's doubles, 17-15, 15-6.

In the women's singles, Karen Williams (Birmingham University) comprehensively dismissed all her opposition and in the final defeated Lorna Midgelow (Brunel University), 11-5, 11-2.

Fiona Lockwood and Emma Morley (Loughborough University) swept aside Arlene Buchanan and Julie Anderson (Strathclyde University), last year's winners, 15-2, 15-8, to win the women's doubles.

RESULTS: Mens singles: Semi-final: S Whale (Nottingham) bt A Gatt (Aberdeen), 15-8, 15-6; R Baddeley (Cambridge) bt D Bennett (Nottingham) 15-3, 15-5. Final: Whale bt Baddeley, 15-10, 11-15, 15-13. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: D Bennett and S Whale (Nottingham) bt R Baddeley and K Tang (Cambridge), 15-9, 15-9; P Walden and P Bishop (London) bt S Hughes and S Mulshaw (London), 15-10, 15-9. Final: Whale and Bennett bt Bishop and Walden, 17-15, 15-6. Women's singles: Semi-finals: L Midgelow (Brunel) bt K Lenton (Warwick), 11-7, 11-5; K Williams (Birmingham) bt S Lockwood (Loughborough), 11-5, 11-4. Final: Williams bt Midgelow, 11-5, 11-2. Doubles: Semi-finals: J Anderson and A Buchanan (Strathclyde) bt G O'Hare and R Gillespie (Ulster), 15-5, 15-3; F Lockwood and E Morley (Loughborough) bt F Paw and D Marsh (Swansea), 15-5, 15-5. Final: Lockwood and Morley bt Buchanan and J Anderson, 15-2, 15-8. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: P Walden and J Goodeve (London) bt P Matthews and K Williams (Birmingham), 7-15, 15-3, 15-6; R Baddeley and C Page (Cambridge) bt G Grant and J Ashfold (Swansea), 17-15, 15-8. Final: Baddeley and Page bt Walden and Goodeve, 15-10, 11-15, 15-13.

● London University beat the College of Ripon and York, St John, 6-5 in the final of the British Students' korfball championships, held at Sheffield at the weekend. The contest of the day, however, was the semi-final between Ripon and York and Brighton Polytechnic, where a see-saw tussle resulted in the former running out 6-5 winners. The British team for European Students' championships at Nottingham University on March 12 has been selected.

BRITISH TEAM: J Knowles, D Finney, P Sharp, H Grmyer, R Norton (all London Univ), J Smith, J Abbey, N Lynch (all College of Ripon and York), M Azzopardi (Oxford Univ), J Burnip, D Shrubsole, K Evans (all Brighton Poly)

● The British student short-course swimming championships are to be held from March 4 to 6 at Barnet Copthall Baths, North London.

SQUASH RACKETS

Harris profits from tiger's trouncing

By Colin McQuillan

The bald facts of the six-match Lancaster Garages Challenge series which culminated at Martlesham Heath, near Ipswich, at the weekend, are that Jansher Khan, the world champion, defeated Del Harris, the British champion, 18-1 in games over nine days and departed smiling with what must be termed the tiger's share of the £10,000 prize-money.

The world champion's forename translates from Urdu as Heart of the Tiger. At 18 he is another Khan who rules the world game, having lost just once this season under dubious experimental circumstances in Canada.

Harris has emerged on the domestic scene at the same age over much the same period. The Lancaster Challenge was designed to give the youngest-ever British champion experience of top international competition before beginning what is likely to be prolonged apprenticeship in the qualifying rounds of the world circuit.

The slight risk in the enterprise was that Harris might emerged from what was effectively a nomadic six-hour trouncing, traumatized by total defeat. In fact, his head dropped only once, ironically in front of his fanatical home crowd at Ardleigh Hall, near Colchester, and his triumphant capture of a single game at Martlesham on Saturday sent him off to this week's Spanish Open in Madrid on a definite upswing.

The scorelines of the six encounters convey only part of the spasmodic drama of the event, the character of which was drawn from the admiration of Harris's manager, Norman Norrington, for the old Pakistani professional "cadre training" in which weaker players were constantly matched against stronger players.

There was no doubt at the start of the Lancaster Challenge of Jansher's superiority but Harris surprised the world champion in their first encounter at St Albans, rising from 3-6 in a single hand to hold four game points at 8-6 before relinquishing the initiative. Indeed, he dominated parts of every match until Jansher's speed and resilience took their inevitable toll.

Even in his poorest performance at Ardleigh the British champion took a 5-1 lead in the second game through outright adventure and twice more, at Barnham Broom and Chapel Allerton, he held game points before marginally losing tie-break situations.

Always an astute assessor of opponents, Harris conspired with Norrington in identifying relative weaknesses in Jansher's game and what they came to think of a "bolt hole" shot he could play under pressure to elicit predictable non-testing responses. This analysis, they cheerfully admit, brought the single reward of the third game at Martlesham.

The true reward of the exercise may lay ahead when other top internationals face a British champion who has survived in good heart more encounters with the phenomenal Pakistani than any but the top three in the world.

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Record Dancer can stay in step

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Record Dancer, the 50-1 winner of a race confined to conditional jockeys at Ascot last month, can show that result was not a fluke by winning the valuable Coomes Handicap Hurdle at Plumpton today. He is my nap.

Normally, I would think twice before recommending a horse so far out of the handicap proper. But in this instance I have no qualms.

"Don't worry about that, you go for him. He's won twice at Ascot before and he's very well." That was the bullish encouragement from his trainer, Nick Gaselee.

The Lambourn trainer was talking with the confidence of a man who has just steered his stable through a rather sticky patch and was now striking form again with a vengeance.

In fact, with Andrew Adams claiming his 7lb allowance and able to do 9st 7lb, Record Dancer will not be carrying much more than his allotted weight.

With 10 winners in the bag already this term, Adams is one of the riding finds of the season and extremely good value for that allowance as anyone who watched him partner Kelly's Boy to victory at Kempton Park on Saturday would testify.

Record Dancer was an above-average hurdler three seasons ago until he broke down so badly that he needed a carbon fibre implant.

The reassuring thing about that Ascot win was that it provided proof that the operation had been 100 per cent successful, and that he had retained both his ability and his zest for racing.

In the meantime Winart, the horse that he beat quite comfortably by a length, has come out and won nicely at Warwick. So there is also some substance in the form as well.

With the Tote Gold Trophy fifth, Musical Mystery, Brunico and the dual Sandown winner Hill-Street-Blues also standing their ground for today's race, an open betting market is guaranteed.

A form line through Fred The Tread gives Record Dancer a sporting chance of bringing Hill-Street-Blues's winning run to an end.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow Jenny Pitman's in-form Lambourn stable which look poised to land a double with Team Challenge (2.50) and How Now (4.20).

Team Challenge, my selection for the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase, has already been successful over today's course and distance once this season besides winning at Stratford.

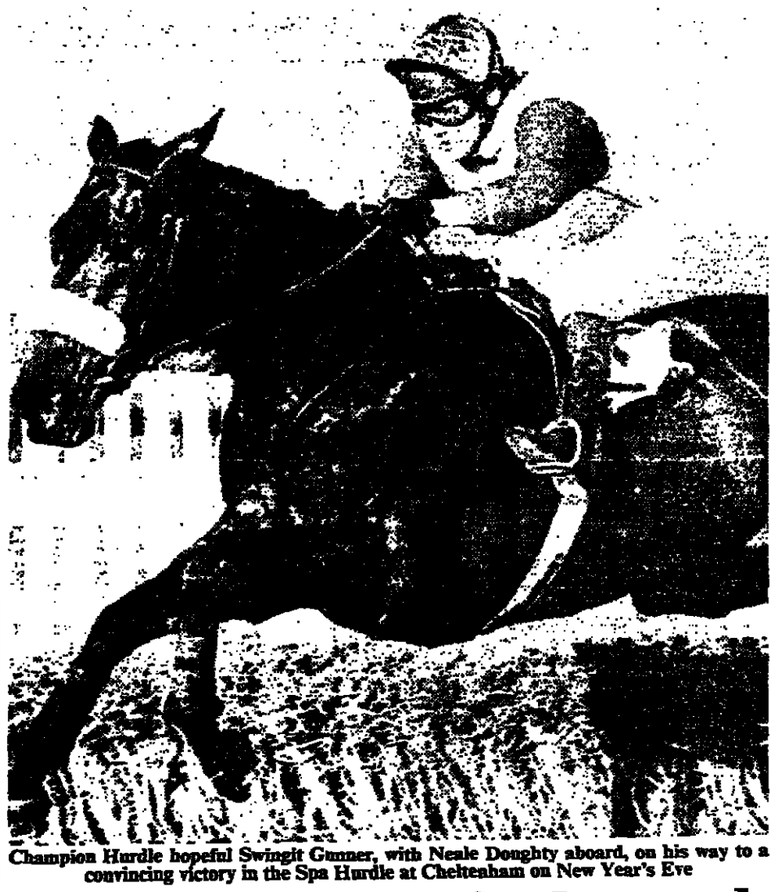
Last time out, though, he was no match, predictably so at the weights, for Proud Pilgrim (a winner again yesterday) at Towcester.

After the four-day declaration stage Mrs Pitman was in the good position of being able to choose either the Plumpton race or the Long Eton Handicap Chase at Nottingham for Team Challenge.

In my opinion, she has picked the right one because Mithras and Dart Over would have provided tougher opposition in the alternative race.

At Folkestone recently, the pair showed they both possessed boundless stamina by finishing first and second, respectively in the Kent Marathon Chase over nearly four miles.

On that occasion there was only a neck between them. As they are meeting on the same terms again this afternoon it should be another close run affair.



Champion Hurdle hopeful Swingit Gunner, with Neale Doughty aboard, on his way to a convincing victory in the Spa Hurdle at Cheltenham on New Year's Eve

Swingit Gunner in demand as Tinkler plans workout

By Christopher Goulding

Swingit Gunner is reported to be in top form for the Champion Hurdle, despite not having had an outing for over two months.

Colin Tinkler, the gelding's trainer, said yesterday: "The horse is very well indeed. He has not had a run since Cheltenham because I feel it was not needed. There certainly has not been anything wrong with him.

"I will give him a serious gallop at the end of week and that should put him right," Tinkler added.

Swingit Gunner will be Tinkler's first runner in the Champion Hurdle, but Festival success will be nothing new for the former National Hunt jockey who won the Arkle Chase and the County Hurdle in his riding days.

The Malton trainer continued: "It is a very open race. The horse I think we have to beat is Mrs Rimell's Celtic Chief and the French runner, Marly River, is an obvious danger. He is a horse that a lot of people keep talking about, although I have not seen him race. I feel very sorry for the connections of See You Then.

"I will be happy with any sort of going except firm. My horse has bags of speed. Neale Doughty will again have the ride at Cheltenham," Tinkler said.

Swingit Gunner, who landed the November Handicap on the Flat at Doncaster last year, was supported with Ladbrokes yesterday from 6-1 to 5-1 for the Champion.

The same firm reports further demand for Marly River, who has his final preparation race at Auteuil on Sunday. The Lamorlaye raider is now 6-1 from 7-1.

Bikaloy, who gets a 14-1 quote with Ladbrokes for the Triumph Hurdle after gaining his fourth win in the T V Shop Hurdle at Punchestown on Saturday, is expected to join Nicky Henderson's Lambourn stable.

Henderson purchased See You Then four years ago after he won this contest for the same stable of Con Collins. See You Then went on to finish runner-up in the Triumph behind Northern Gain.

Brooke Sanders is hoping to become the second woman to train the winner of the Triumph Hurdle. Her representative, Calapaez, is now a 16-1 chance from 25-1 after his promising third to Russian Affair at Kempton on Saturday.

Jenny Pitman's bold words at the weekend concerning Burrough Hill Lad in the Gold Cup, "It's not a question of could he win the Gold Cup, it's how far will he win by," has induced immediate public support

The winner of the 1984 Blue Riband of steeplechasing is now a 12-1 chance with all the leading bookmaking firms. City Index reports support for Rhyme 'N' Reason, who is 16-1 from 20-1.

Tweseldown judge in difficult position

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

The judge's box at Tweseldown was moved a few years ago, but its position is still far from perfect.

Sited against the rails on the side of the course where most horses finish, when one horse runs directly under the judge's nose and another in the middle of the track, it is a near impossibility for the right decision to be made on every occasion. The task would be easier from the other side of the course.

Many watching from this vantage on Saturday at the Army point-to-point considered themselves fortunate to be paid out on Philip Scoulier's Straight Accord, the former Fulke Walwyn-trained Cathcart Challenge Cup winner, believing that Mike Felton should have had the verdict on Sea Member, a 20-1 outsider.

Sea Member, however, was placed second and Felton unsaddled in that position, still without a winner, for the eighth time this season. His luck was to turn, however, as Lothian General finished too strongly for the favourite, Young Lover, and Sutton Prince completed a double for him in the Farmers' race.

At the Belvenstor, Dicky Blob appeared for the third time in eight days and finished third in a good open race in which Golden Hornet made virtually all for Philip Scholfield to hold the fast-finishing favourite, Phil Grey, by four lengths.

Alistair Gilchrist defied his 58 years to put up a fine performance on Catherine Tudor in the adjacent hunts at the Cheshire. In a comic hunt race here, two horses missed a fence, two ran out and Out Of Court, the fourth to finish, after being tailed off throughout, was awarded the race.

Julie Barrows has won a courageous battle to recover from her bad fall on Hot n' Scopey at Nedge last year when she broke a bone in her neck and suffered crushed vertebrae. On Saturday on the same course, at the Meadip Farmers, in her first race back in the saddle, she won the adjacent hunts race on the ex-Irish chaser, Le Bambino.

The Cleveland-qualified Tacroy won for the second week in succession when he qualified for the Audi final under Tim Carr at the Sinnington. However, it was the newcomer Karakter Reference, owned and trained by Mick Easterby, who caught the eye at this meeting. Racing for the first time in a point-to-point, he was ridden patiently by Howard Brown until sprinting from the last to win the maiden race by 10 lengths.

A horse to look out for in the future is Batcacher's Hill. At the Waveney on Saturday, under Paul Webber, this five-year-old was making his debut in the restricted (division I) and was racing upsides with the eventual winner, Oakhurst Lad, when his attention wandered at the last fence and he paid the penalty. He looks an assured winner of a maiden race in the near future..

Irish Derby switches to a Sunday

This year's Budweiser Irish Derby has been switched from its traditional Saturday date to Sunday, June 26.

The original date clashed with the televising of the European championship soccer final in Germany.

The change was agreed after Lord Hemphill, the Irish Turf Club senior steward, visited the sponsors in St Louis.

The Derby meeting at The Curragh is now a two-day fixture, with the Pretty Polly Stakes the highlight of Saturday's card.

Dwyer's dash is rewarded

Mark Dwyer rode two winners at different meetings for trainer Jimmy Fitzgerald yesterday. After Dwyer had partnered Proud Pilgrim to victory in the *Racing Post* Handicap Chase, the 3.0 race at Leicester, the Irish jockey made the 80-mile dash to Doncaster where Comeragh King obliged in the 4.50 event, the High Melton Handicap Chase.

Despite making mistakes, Proud Pilgrim will figure in trainer Jimmy Fitzgerald's Cheltenham Festival team.

The nine-year old chesnut, owned by Lady Blacker and Lady Darling, goes for the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup Handicap Chase. He is a horse with undoubted ability, but Dwyer feels he lacks confidence.

NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Nuns Royal.
2.00 Assultan.
2.30 Beamwam.
3.00 Mithras.
3.30 Take No Trash.
4.00 Perroquet.
4.30 Garda's Gold.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 TAKE NO TRASH (nap).

Brian Beel's selection: 2.30 Brunton Park.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 9-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. *D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner.* BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private *Handicapper's rating.*

Going: good

1.30 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (Div I: 4-Y-O: £807: 2m) (14 runners)

3	000	*BEAULIEU BAY 5 (V) (R Jeffries)* K Wingrove 10-12	W Worthington	● 99
8	F00	GOLD SCEPTRE 73 (BF) (Full Circle D Pitt) N Tinkler 10-12	P Tuck	82
11	0	MAX IS CUTE 47 (G James) W Clay 10-12	Diane Clay (7)	—
14	PP3	MYLIEGE 14 (B,BF) (C Ham) G Ham 10-12	B Powell	92
15	303020	NIGHT VISITOR 25 (W Sellers) J Parkes 10-12	B Walsh (4)	91
16	0	*NORS GOD 6 (Mrs G Watford) T Watford 10-12*	S Keightley	—
18	00	PIALUCI 88 (Mrs J Meredith) B Preece 10-12	G Landau	—
21	00	SNO SURPRISE 97 (D Wintle) D Wintle 10-12	A Carroll	—
22	40	SWIFT CHALLENGER 150 (Swift Caravans Ltd) R Stubbs 10-12	D Wilkinson	82
25	00	CIRCLE OF FIRE 47 (B) (B McMath) B McMath 10-7	T Woolley (7)	—
29	04P0	HATSHEPSUT 63 (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 10-7	C Grant	84
33	203101	NUNS ROYAL 12 (S) (M Kavanagh) R Dickin 10-7	M Jones (7)	98
34	P0200	PADDY WILL 12 (B) (Mrs J Lewis) F Jordan 10-7	C Smith	89
35	00F	TINA'S BEAUTY 12 (P Bradley) G Blum 10-7	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Nuns Royal, 7-2 Beaulieu Bay, 4-1 Gold Sceptre, 5-1 Swift Challenge, 8-1 Myliege, 10-1 Night Visitor, 12-1 others.

1987: SARYAN 10-12 D Murphy (11-2) B Curley 10 ran

2.0 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (Div II: 4-Y-O: £796: 2m) (14 runners)

1	P	ALDINGTON KID 213 (C Wheatley) C Tristine 10-12	P Caldwell (7)	—
2	10	ASSULTAN 45 (F) (D Cantillon) B Curley 10-12	D Murphy	98
5	P000	CALYPSO KID 61 (M Graham-Clare) H O'Neill 10-12	S Scott (7)	—
6	000	DESIGN WISE 83 (A Miller Design Eng Ltd) A Ingham 10-12	I Lawrence (7)	—
7	01FP0P	FORUM'S FOLLY 33 (D,S) (Forum Ltd) D Henley 10-12	G Landau	● 99
10	8P00	LOOSE RUCK 66 (W Joyce) J Pearce 10-12	J McLoughlin	—
13	0P	MEEDAF 146 (Mrs J Duke) R Stubbs 10-12	D Wilkinson	—
19	04	RIPSTER 12 (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 10-12	S Davies (7)	88
20	0	SHALCHLO BOY 15 (T Civil) J Wharton 10-12	S J O'Neill	—
23	00	THE PATRICK FOX 61 (V) (G Seager) J Scallan 10-12	J Doyle	—
28	F0	FINAL RUSH 66 (R Jeffries) K Wingrove 10-7	M Bowlby	—
30	U000FP	HIGHLAND KATE 32 (M Taylor) *T Kersey 10-7*	*Susan Kersey (7)*	—
35	0960	SEPTEMBER SNAP 33 (R Wright) B Stevens 10-7	T Morgan	93
37	0F	TUFTY LADY 45 (Mrs J Young) I Campbell 10-7	R Campbell	—

BETTING: 4-7 Assultan, 100-30 Forum's Folly, 6-1 Ripster, 12-1 September Song, 16-1 Design Wise, 20-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

2.30 17th/21st LANCERS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £680: 3m) (9 runners)

21	1213F-2	GENTLE APPROACH 10 (F,G,S) (Exors D Thompson) Mrs M Thompson 11-12-7	A Hill	93
2	410P0F	PRYDEL 11 (B,D,F) (Maj E Wilson) *R Champion 10-12-7*	*S Ballard (7)*	—
3	1/120-21	SEAMWAM 4 (C,F,G,S) (D Naylor-Leyland) O Sherwood 10-12-7	D Naylor-Leyland (7)	● 99
4	144/12-3	BRUNTON PARK 17 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Dickinson 10-12-5	S Munro-Wilson	90
5	30/132-2	SELBORNE RAMBLER 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Roberts) J Webber 10-12-5	P Webber	90
6	84PF3PP-R	CALDWELL CASE 15 (D,F) (B Hill) B Hill 13-12-0	—	—
13	00300/	*RECKLESS PHILIP 1742 (C,S) (Mrs J Downing) T Rollingson 11-12-0*	*R Dowsing (7)*	—
14	0F-6004	SMARTSIDE 10 (D,G,S) (D Cocksran) G Balding 13-12-0	D Cocksran (7)	92
16	U/0U	TEMPLETOWN 7 (B) (D Bloor) D Bloor 9-12-0	D Bloor (7)	—

BETTING: 6-4 Beamwam, 2-1 Brunton Park, 5-1 Gentle Approach, 8-1 Selborn Rambler, 10-1 Prydel, 16-1 Smartside, 20-1 others.

1987: *GREENWOOD LAD 10-11-7 W Sporborg (4-1) C Sporborg 7 ran*

FORM GENTLE APPROACH (12-7) 10l 2nd to Our Fun (12-7) at Windsor (2m 5f, £1145, good, Feb 20, 14 ran), with SMARTSIDE (12-7) 4½l 4th.
BEAMWAM (12-2) unchallenged when beating Parish Rigged (11-9) 20l at Southwell (3m 2f, £994, good, Feb 25, 8 ran).
BRUNTON PARK (12-13) 16l 3rd to Sam Wrekin (12-0) at Ayr (3m 110yd, £1190, heavy, Feb 13, 7 ran).
SELBOURNE RAMBLER (12-5) 7l 2nd to Mayannoor (12-5) at Newbury (2m 4f, £1716, heavy, Feb 12, 10 ran).
Selection: BEAMWAM

3.0 LONG EATON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,991: 3m 4f) (6 runners)

1	6-22242	DART OVER 13 (D,BF,G,S) (P Pocock) Miss L Pocock 12-11-7	P Richards	97
3	24-3111	MITHRAS 13 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 10-11-5 (Sex)	G Landau	98
5	028-P10	TRACYS SPECIAL 31 (G,S) (L Amies) A Turnell 11-11-0	I Lawrence (7)	94
6	*F1230F*	GLENSIDE JERRY 14 (G,S) (M Jackson) G Balding 6-10-13	*R Guest*	96
11	1-01P30	WOODSIDE ROAD 11 (C,F,G,S) (Prowting Plc) D Nicholson 8-10-5	R Dunwoody	93
14	23PP23	RONALDS CAROLE 8 (B,BF,G,S) (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 8-10-4	B Powell	● 99
15	FPF-6P6	FUNCHEN VIEW 8 (S) (A1 Paper Plc) M Oliver 8-10-1	E Buckley	78
22	0013-P0	LUCKY VINTAGE 64 (F) (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 11-10-0	R Stronge	81

BETTING: 5-4 Mithras, 3-1 Dart Over, 5-1 Ronalds Carole, 8-1 Tracys Special, 12-1 Glenside Jerry, 16-1 Funchen View, Woodside Road, 33-1 Lucky Vintage.

1987: WHY FORGET 11-11-3 C Grant 5-1 W A Stephenson 8 ran

FORM *MITHRAS (10-1) slt out to beat DART* OVER (10-3) a neck at Folkestone (3m 7f, £3049, heavy, Feb 17, 8 ran).
TRACYS SPECIAL (11-5), on penultimate outing, beat Laneora Bridge (10-7) 30l at Windsor (3m, £2271, soft, Jan 20, 9 ran).
GLENSIDE JERRY (11-10) did not jump fluently when pulled up behind Proud Pilgrim (10-5) at Towcester (3m 190yd, £2822, heavy, Feb 16, 11 ran).
WOODSIDE ROAD (10-3) 8th of 10 to Torside (11-5) at Sandown (3m 110yd, £3283, good to soft, Feb 19).
RONALDS CAROLE (10-5) 9l 3rd to Ardesse (10-5) at Wolverhampton (3m 4f, £2841, good to soft, Feb 22, 11 ran) with FUNCHEN VIEW (10-3) 15l 5th.
LUCKY VINTAGE (10-0) never got in a blow when 48l 5th to Chipped Metal (12-5) at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, £2324, good to soft, Dec 28, 8 ran).
Selection: RONALDS CAROLE

4.0 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,146: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

3	0-2F1U3	GREY GENERAL 113 (G) (A1 Paper Plc) M Oliver 7-11-3	E Buckley	88
6	0P0/241	PERROQUET 11 (S) (G Vergette) G Vergette 8-11-3	Mrs H Vergette	● 99
11	04-U0P0	ASCENNOOR 19 (F,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 9-10-10	D Shaw	—
14	*P*	*FIFTH BRIGADE 55 (R Harris) M Charles 8-10-10*	*J D Doyle*	—
17	00400F	HILLCASTLE 7 (Mrs J Gee) G Balding 7-10-10	R Guest	—
19	200420	LAFOSSE 12 (G,S) (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-10	M Bowlby	98
24	0068/3-P	STANAUDBOU 7 (Mrs P Townley) M Wilkinson 7-10-10	C Llewellyn	79
27	PPP0-PP	TO ASTERI 63 (G) (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 7-10-10	C Jones	—
28	P0U/	WOOTON BOY 1021 (Mrs J Allen) Miss A King 12-10-10	A Webb	—

BETTING: 5-4 Perroquet, 3-1 Grey General, 5-1 Lafosse, 8-1 Hillcastle, 20-1 Stanaudbou, 33-1 Wooton Boy, To Asteri, Fifth Brigade, Ascennoor.

1987: TORYMORE GREEN 8-10-10 G Marnagh (11-2) J Webber 9 ran

FORM GREY GENERAL (11-3) 8½l 3rd to Let Him By (10-12) at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, £1870, good to firm, Nov 9, 14 ran).
PERROQUET (10-10) beat Lakefield (10-10) an unchallenged 8l at Fakenham (3m, £1857, good to soft, Feb 19, 14 ran).
HILLCASTLE (11-3) behind when unseating at the 13th in race won by Delius (11-10) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £2042, good, Feb 23, 16 ran) with STANAUDBOU (11-3) was pulled up.
LAFOSSE (11-4) 20l 2nd to Clina (11-8) at Leicester (2m 4f, £2117, soft, Feb 18, 8 ran). Previously (11-0) 25l 4th to Kissane (11-0) at Doncaster (2m 4f, £2068, good to soft, Jan 30, 18 ran).
Selection: LAFOSSE

4.30 EXTEL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,863: 2m 6f) (25 runners)

4	012100	COME-N-JOINUS 31 (S) (C Galloway) P Charlton 5-11-10	K Cotter (7)	88
6	*03-22F0*	*WILD SAP 10 (T Fitchett) Lady Harries 8-11-3*	*R Bellamy (7)*	82
7	2U24-00	TOO OFTEN 8 (B Sollis) K Bridgwater 9-11-3	A Webb	92
11	33003	KAMADOOR 8 (D Harvie) G Balding 5-10-13	R Guest	90
12	00233	LOVER BILL 7 (Dr P Brown) M Wilkinson 6-10-12	C Llewellyn	86
13	00-F	MASTER OF LYRIC 10 (Mrs A Halewood) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12	M Dwyer	—
15	2200	*SOUTH SUNRISE 31 (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 8-10-11*	*A J Galvin (7)*	85
16	0-33080	DEMBERDAR 7 (D Newton) R Hollinshead 5-10-10	P Dewar	82
17	0414	DUBIOUS JAKE 54 (S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 5-10-9	S Woods (4)	93
21	04-00	CANT GO WRONG 10 (Miss J Hadley) M Oliver 7-10-7	E Buckley	85
23	0F0-F	MANASSASS 32 (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 6-10-6	—	—
24	0P0203	GARDA'S GOLD 10 (T Lisle) R Dickin 5-10-3	M Jones (7)	94
25	003023	JOSIE SMITH 12 (C Scott) R Holder 4-10-2	N Coleman	80
27	000000	WATERGLASS 8 (Mrs P Freeman) S Harris 8-10-1	S Keightley	80
28	P0-P200	CHART FINDER 3 (B) (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 6-10-1	C Grant	● 99
30	040/00-0	RATHMILL SYKE 85 (J Needham) J Needham 8-10-0	—	88
31	0/00	RAPAGAIN 41 (Col I Rae) K Bailey 9-10-0	D Mastow (7)	—
32	00-0F00	BUSKINA 14 (B) (T Sivier) C Vernon Miller 8-10-0	K Mooney	80
33	00-00	GARTHMAN 60 (J Measures) P Felgate 5-10-0	T Woolley (7)	93
39	013440	FANDANGO KISS 144 (F) (T Kersey) T Kersey 5-10-0	Susan Kersey (7)	77
40	000	SPRINGFIELD RIFLE 66 (Mrs M Lothbridge) M Dickinson 5-10-0	J Barlow	—
41	UP02	WOODLANDS GENPOWER 13 (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 6-10-0	R Stronge	98
44	040/000	PARISIENNE LARK 73 (C Lee) C Lee 8-10-0	—	—
45	0P-0000	TRAVAIL EXECUTIVE 12 (Roe Racing Ltd) G Roe 5-10-0	P McDermott (7)	—
46	0R/P-	OVERULE 491 (R Price) S Harris 11-10-0	NON-RUNNER	—

BETTING: 9-4 Dubious Jake, 5-2 Lover Bill, 5-1 Josie Smith, 6-1 Come-N-Joinus, 9-1 Kamadoor, Master Of Lyric, 10-1 Garda's Gold, 12-1 Cant Go Wrong, Buskina, 14-1 others.

1987: *NO CORRESPONDING RACE*

FORM COME-N-JOINUS (11-6) seen to best effect when beating Wayside Inn (11-2) 3l at Newcastle (2m 60yd, £1102, good to soft, Oct 28, 19 ran).
KAMADOOR (10-7) 3½l 3rd to Envopak Token (11-10) at Fontwell (2m 6f, £1348, good to soft, Feb 22, 19 ran).
LOVER BILL (10-13) 3½l 3rd to Music Minstrel (11-0) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1650, good, Feb 23, 21 ran) with DEMBERDAR (10-11) well behind.
SOUTH SUNRISE (11-4) best judged on a 3l 2nd to Cone Alone (11-6) at Bangor (2m 4f 20yd, £892, soft, Dec 19, 17 ran).
DUBIOUS JAKE (11-7) 4¼l 4th to Chance Remark (11-0) at Edinburgh (2m 4f, £585, good to soft, Jan 7, 15 ran).
GARDA'S GOLD (10-2) 5l 3rd to Bletachom Hut (10-3) here (2m, £1196, good to soft, Feb 20, 21 ran) with CAN'T GO WRONG (10-6) was well behind.
CHART FINDER (10-12) best effort an 8l 2nd to Tartan Trademark (11-4) at Doncaster (3m 122yd, £845, good, Dec 11, 16 ran).
Selection: CHART FINDER

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs M Dickinson	9	16	56.3
A Turnell	4	10	40.0
K Bailey	6	17	35.3
B Stevens	3	12	25.0
O Sherwood	5	22	22.7
N Henderson	4	21	19.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mr D N-Leyland	3	4	75.0
P Tuck	8	34	23.5
M Dwyer	10	44	22.7
R Dunwoody	7	56	12.5

Only qualifiers

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.20 Silver Ocean.
2.50 Team Challenge.
3.20 RECORD DANCER (nap).
3.50 Grateful Heir.
4.20 How Now.
4.50 Sir Perdo.

By Michael Seely

2.20 Silver Ocean. 3.20 Hill-Street-Blues.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 SILVER OCEAN.

Going: good to soft

2.20 NEW CROSS NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £753: 2m) (18 runners)

1	2160P	BIRWAZ 3 (D,S) (H Bishop) B Stevens 11-2	R Rowe	85
2	20102	SILVER OCEAN 13 (CD,S) (R Ellis) Miss B Sanders 11-2	*I Sheerwin (7)*	● 99
3	10F0U0	TA WARDLE 40 (CD,F) (D Ives) M Bolton 11-2	R Goldstein	84
4	00PP1	WAR CHILD 14 (D,S) (J Bird) A Moore 10-11	Candy Moore (4)	74
5	0P	ANOTHER SEASON 8 (A Moore) A Moore 10-10	W Morris	—
9	0	EXHAUST MAN 222 (Maldvale Ltd) Miss B Sanders 10-10	C Brown	—
10	0	FLOOD MARK 10 (J Clark) *P Butler 10-10*	M Furlong	—
12	000	GOING EASY 133 (B Pearce) J Long 10-10	Mr J O'Brien (7)	—
15		KEYBOARD PRINCE (Miss V Markowiak) J Long 10-10	C Mann	—
17		OSIEN (Mrs D Hunniset) J Fitch-Hayes 10-10	Penny Fitch-Hayes (4)	—
18	F00	R LAD 47 (W Roker) M Madgwick 10-10	M Perrett	—
20	0	SANTELLA SAM 86 (R Talmo) *M Ryan 10-10*	G McCourt	—
25	000	BRIGHT FAVOR 8 (J Denver) A Moore 10-5	E Murphy	67
26	00	FUNNY SARAH 41 (B) (P Riseborough) M Tompkins 10-5	Mr T Thomson Jones	—
27		GAY GEM (J Fenwick) Mrs D Haine 10-5	G Marnagh	—
29	0P0	LITTLE WHITE LIES 41 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 10-5	A Charlton (7)	81
32	F00P	SILVER THORN 43 (Mrs K Baldry) *P Butler 10-5*	C Warren	—
34	0F	WISE TIMES 52 (Adept (80) Ltd) D Elsworth 10-5	R Arnott	—

BETTING: 4-5 Silver Ocean, 3-1 War Child, 6-1 Gay Gem, 12-1 Flood Mark, Birwaz, 16-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.50 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,548: 3m 1f) (10 runners)

1	330/20F	GOLDEN MINSTREL 5 (BF,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 9-11-13	R Rowe	94
2	181321-	NORTH LANE 305 (D,F,S) (G C Bisgrove Ltd) M Pope 11-11-13	M Perrett	91
3	424-110	CASPAR CARROT 20 (CD,S) (Miss N Berry) Miss N Berry 11-11-4	Mr T Grantham	93
4	2211F2	TEAM CHALLENGE 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs *E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-4*	B de Haan	● 99
7	323/FU0	BUCKS GREEN 8 (C,F,G) (Mrs S Trafford) J Gifford 10-10-0	Peter Hobbs	80
8	3-10113	FLAMENCO DANCER 13 (F,G,S) (R O'Sullivan) R O'Sullivan 14-10-0	M Kinane	82
10	0P0/3-00	ASHLONE 8 (B,G,S) (S Tindall) D Grissell 9-10-0	R Goldstein	82
14	0F/0F34	THE SOMAC 8 (C,F,G,S) (E Savage) E Savage 11-10-0	R Supple (7)	70
15	0F4004	CAPTAIN LOWE 11 (CD,F) (R Hackett) *P Howling 8-10-0*	*M Furlong*	84
17	000U	CHARLOTTE BONNIE 11 (J Parwert) J Parwert 7-10-0	—	—

BETTING: 11-4 Team Challenge, 4-1 North Lane, 5-1 Caspar Carrot, 6-1 Golden Minstrel, 8-1 Flamenco Dancer, 10-1 Bucks Green, 12-1 Ashlone, 14-1 others.

1987: DUDIE 9-10-3 C Brown (4-1) R Akehurst 9 ran

3.20 COOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,963: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1	30F210	MUSICAL MYSTERY 17 (C,BF,S) (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 5-11-10	R Rowe	93
2	400-204	BRUNICO 8 (G,S) *(T Ramsden) R Simpson 6-11-6*	G McCourt	91
7	282311	HILL-STREET-BLUES 11 (D,F,S) (L Marsh) J Fox 10-10-7	D Tegg (4)	● 99
9	302448	NONE TOO DEAR 16 (V,G) (S Adams) G Balding 6-10-1	—	91
10	6-F0100	TACHADOR 24 (S) (P Axon) R Hodges 7-10-1	S Earle	95
12	4/00-321	WINART 6 (C,S) (P Rodford) P Rodford 10-10-0 (7ex)	W Irvine	90
13	0-32020	OPENING BARS 15 (G,S) *(K Ogden)* G Thorner 7-10-0	J White	90
15	0-F030P	GUESSING 14 (S) (Racegoers Club) P Mitchell 5-10-0	Dale McKeown	85
17	F60-1FF	RIVERSIDE DRIVE 174 (CD,F) (Mrs S Hopton) D Grissell 9-10-0	R Goldstein	77
18	0000/P1	RECORD DANCER 39 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Janks) N Gaselee 8-10-0	A Adams (7)	85
19	122F04	MANHATTAN BOY 11 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs D Hunniset) J F-Hayes 6-10-0	Penny F-Hayes (4)	89

BETTING: 15-8 Hill-Street-Blues, 9-4 *Musical Mystery*, 7-2 *Brunico*, 6-1 *Record Dancer*, 8-1 *Winart*, 12-1 Tachador, 16-1 others.

1987: HARBOUR BAZAAR 7-8-12 D Gallagher (4-1) R Simpson 12 ran

3.50 COOMES SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£1,012: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

3	1P4321	SNITTERFIELD 8 (C,F,S) (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 10-12-1 (Sex)	Mr D Madgwick (7)	93
5	4-P4442	GRATEFUL HEIR 84 (S) (R Blackman) G Gracey 9-11-8	D Morris (4)	● 99
6	0/01-PPF	LEGAL SUGAR 8 (D,S) (C Gale) P J Jones 10-11-6	M Kinane	95
7	*P00003*	*VENETIAN PRINCESS 8 (B) (Mrs J Peel) A Moore 7-11-1*	*W Morris*	94
9	4-6P40F	PLAYFIELDS 8 (G,S) (Andrew Baird Tennis Courts Ltd) P Burgoyne 14-11-1	G McCourt	—
10	PP0F00	INCENSE 8 (B,S) (H Attwood) P Bevan 8-11-1	—	88
11	3320/0P	BROKEN FLIGHT 13 (B,F,S) (L Wells) J Davies 11-11-0	A Jones	—
13	0P/BFP0	DEMONIC 13 (M Outler) B McMath 9-10-11	D Browne	—
15	00/0PPF	CRIMSON IMP 8 (A Dean) R Dean 9-10-11	R Rowell	—
16	FF0/0-0U	PLAIN JIM 63 (Dr C Studd) P Butler 11-10-11	C Warren	—
17	FP404F	UP AT DAWN 8 (D Treacy) J Bridger 8-10-11	M Furlong	90
18	0PP00U	RUSADARK 13 (B,S) (Anthony Garvis Ltd) R Juckes 7-10-11	T Wall	—
19	FP-UFUU	FADING DAWN 43 (O Henley) Mrs P Townsley 11-10-11	Mr P Townsley	—
20	00P30-F	NIGHT ATTACK 70 (B) (Mrs F Burgess) J Elliott 12-10-11	Mrs C Elliott	92
26	00-00P0	HIYA JUDGE 8 (G) (Mrs L Ripley) G Ripley *10-10-11*	—	—
27	0-30P00	SNOWBALL JIM 43 (F) (Mrs M Greene) P Howling 8-10-11	M Perrett	97

BETTING: 3-1 Grateful Heir, 7-2 Snitterfield, 9-2 Venetian Princess, 6-1 Snowball Jim, 10-1 Plain Jim, 14-1 others.

1987: NEVEROF 7-10-7 Dale McKeown (13-2) G Gracey 14 ran

4.20 COOMES SENIOR CITIZENS NOVICES CHASE (£2,019: 2m) (14 runners)

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Superior coaching hones elite competitors to Olympic peaks but their education is by no means neglected

Recipe to Soviet Calgary gold rush

Calgary provided a rich harvest of medals for Soviet competitors. In this exclusive interview, Marat Gramov (right), the Soviet Minister of Sport, discusses with **David Miller**, Chief Sports Correspondent of *The Times*, sporting excellence and social attitudes



Has there been any change in the Soviet coaching systems in order to achieve the USSR's outstanding success in Calgary? Do you hope for the same in Seoul?

We pay much attention to training methods. We modify them constantly. Sport is moving forward at a great tempo. It naturally leads to an increase of the volume of training, an increase in intensity. In those sports where we do this, we are successful. In those where we're behind, that is also connected with training.

For instance, speed skating. Unfortunately in recent years, a trend of decreasing training was dominant in our country. Head coaches considered that a small volume could achieve good results. Austria, who are successful, told us: "We didn't change anything, we took your methods, but increased them. We decreased. There you have the result. In Alpine (disciplines) we have neither tradition nor good coaches, we are only pupils here. We have a shortage of equipment. I think in four years we'll have some success in Alpine.

I don't make forecasts, but we hope we will reach the same high level in Seoul.

To what extent is sport a part of Soviet education, or a demonstration of a sound social system?

There is no doubt it is part of a general cultural upbringing — "physical education", an integral part of a person's general education. There is not a direct parallel, however, between achievement in sport and the social system. Any country which pays attention to physical culture, which finances it, will undoubtedly have some success.

Was there any decline in standards immediately following your absence in Los Angeles? How was an anticlimax avoided?

Frankly, there is no doubt that non-participation was reflected in domestic results. Many athletes consider an Olympic medal the aim of their life. Yet our athletes knew they would be competing in the next Olympic Games; we talked about the necessity to prepare again, they acknowledged this. Now we have a (partially) new generation, a new cycle, and they are preparing intensively.

Has the importance of the Olympic movement increased?

It is difficult to give an answer on public opinion, the estimation of millions. They're not satisfied when we lose, but I don't think the time will come when we win every medal. At the world (athletics) championships in Rome last year, there were champions from countries little known.

Is the Soviet Union content with the present state of Olympic eligibility? Is there an alteration in Soviet attitude towards professionalism, towards competitors joining foreign professional leagues, or towards full-time competitors receiving wages in Soviet sports?

Our view is there should be no professionals in the Olympic movement. When an athlete finishes Olympic activity but is eager to prolong his career, we do not exclude the possibility that some of them can participate with (foreign) professional clubs. Some of our ice-hockey competitors are with European clubs. Some football players, too. But these are athletes who will never be in the Olympics again.

Our (Olympic) athletes receive compensation for their participation, and it does not contradict the Olympic Charter, which states that athletes should get compensation for training and participation. An athlete must live, eat, have a house, and naturally these conditions should be created for him.

Another aspect of the question, however: We firmly follow the principle that while involved in sport, an athlete should receive higher education, some professional qualification. All our athletes in Calgary either already have this or are students. This is an obligatory condition. That is why when the Canadians ask us to send young players to their league, we tell them we have our own procedures and only after that can players join Canadian clubs.

When an athlete's career ends, he must be equipped for another life. We have a top-level course for coaches, annually attended by 100 outstanding athletes, who already have higher education. It takes two years to become a professional coach.

Will we see *glasnost* (openess) and *perestroika* (reorganization) within Soviet sport?

Glasnost always existed, because we are always in the public eye, reported by television and Press. Sometimes journalists want to see our sport from the inside — we invite many coaches and journalists from all over the world to attend the training of our national teams, to stay at our training centres. We show them everything, we have no secrets. Soon Canadian coaches will be coming to our country.

As for *perestroika*, we are trying to reorganize our sport. We are now developing sport-for-all. Our Government has a programme of leisure sports centres for the masses. Some 200 are already under construction. By 1990, we will be building 2,000 a year. The health of the nation is the business of the State. Mass sport is financed by the State. It is expensive, of course, but it is worth the investment.

As for sporting excellence, this is not on State subsidy, we're self-financing. Our income comes from sports lotteries, we have our own Press and magazines generating money, and our own equipment industry which belongs to the Sports Committee. In recent years, we are a little behind in sports technology, a task to overcome in the next five years. I hope we will.

What is the future of the Goodwill Games?

This idea came after our non-appearance in Los Angeles. The first games were in Moscow, and we think they were successful. In 1990 they will be in Seattle, and we plan further Games in '94 and '98. I think the suggestion of conflict between the Olympics and the Goodwill Games has no grounds. No matter what other games are arranged, they can never replace the Olympics. The Goodwill Games has one goal — to establish closer links between young generations in America and the Soviet Union. They have no commercial purpose. In Moscow there were financial losses for both sides. As far as I know Ted Turner (the American millionaire organizer) lost $26 million, but I'm not worried about the commercial side.

How important is it that the majority of IOC nations intend to be in Seoul? Does this demonstrate, following boycotts at previous Games, the value of the Olympic philosophy independent of social divergencies?

We think there should be as many nations as there are IOC members and conditions should be created so that every country does participate. The Olympic philosophy is to promote co-operation. That is why we always support, and always will, the Olympic movement and consider it our duty to promote its developement.

Now is the time when all countries, irrespective of social systems, believe it is better to live in co-operation and find ways of better understanding. The Olympic philosophy is an integral part of those ideals which the world seeks.

In Calgary we're involved in sport — nobody tries to make political propaganda regarding social differences. I don't mean to say that social differences do not influence the development of sport. Some athletes from the Third World cannot come because of material disadvantages, but we should not concentrate attention on social differences. The essence of the Games is for people to make friends and establish stability.

Do you hope that all countries, including North Korea, may yet agree to take part in Seoul? Can the Soviet Union assist?

That is difficult. Each country makes its own decision. I can tell you firmly that we shall participate. As Minister, I can say we have been in full co-operation with the IOC for the last four years, that we've tried to help provide an atmosphere so that all can participate. President Samaranch has said the door is still open. We consider the position of the IOC and Samaranch has been quite realistic. I think we should do everything possible to the last minute to enable all countries to attend.

Does the Olympic movement contribute to better understanding beyond sport?

The Olympic Games are a real help, a force for benefit. Any communication helps. It is difficult for me to judge the relationship between the People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei (now both in the IOC), but certainly our sporting relationship with (PR) China helps the understanding between our two countries.

Do you expect to be elected as the new Soviet IOC member (following the recent death of Konstantin Andrianov)? What is the Soviet Union's attitude towards the election of younger, former competitors?

This question is decided in democratic countries by the NOC, and it wouldn't be ethical to decide so soon. Normally, we send our young former athletes to work in the international federations. Valeriy Borzov is deputy chairman of the Ukraine Sports Committee, and was recently elected to the executive committee of the European Federation. Igor Ter-Ovanyesian is Chief National Athletics Coach. Vladimir Tretyak is a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission. Lyudmila Turishcheva (Borzov's wife) is an international gymnastics judge. We try to promote our younger people in this way.

Runners chosen for good cause

***The Times* and Tandem Computers today name the 12 fund-runners we have chosen for specially reserved places in the Mars London Marathon on April 17.**

They have been chosen from *all those readers who took up* our challenge to run for a charity of their choice. We were looking *for people who had not been* among the 30,000 originally chosen to compete in the biggest marathon in the world but who felt compelled to have one last try for a place on the starting line at Greenwich.

The 12 places have been made available in conjunction with Tandem Computers, which provides complete computing facilities for the build-up, running and results of the race. Last year our 12 fund-runners raised an estimated £18,000 among them.

This year we examined a wide selection of good causes nominated by readers of *The Times*: all were deserving, and many were deeply moving with personal experience.

The judges decided to select 12 causes all connected with children's health and welfare — and we will be telling their stories in the seven weeks before the marathon. The 12 runners and their charities are:

Roger McCrow, of Earlsfield Road, Hythe, Kent: Kerland Foundation (help for brain-damaged children).

David James, of Chancery Lane, London, WC2: he is chief executive of the Fairbridge Drake Society (trying to raise £300,000 a year to combat the effects of *unemployment among inner-city youth*).

A. M. Dalzell, of Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Eaton Road, Liverpool: Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust (he is a research fellow working with children who suffer from cystic fibrosis).

Jayne and Anthony Nicolau, of Leysfield Road, Hammersmith, London, W12: Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (their daughter died when she was five months old).

Jane Dewey, of ATD Fourth World, Addington Square, London, SE5: she is a permanent volunteer with this international organization working with children in poverty.

Royden Copp, of Pool Farm Estate, Woolavington, Bridgwater, Somerset: Water Aid (a charity which raises money to bring safe water and sanitation to the poorest Third World countries).

Michael Gates, of Shepham Avenue, Saltdean, Brighton: Kidney Patients' Association at Guy's Hospital (his five-year-old son is awaiting a kidney transplant).

Colin Langford, of Coleridge Avenue, Penarth, South Wales: he is assistant district commissioner for Scouts in the Penarth district, which is rebuilding its headquarters.

David Handley, of East Gardens, Woking, Surrey: Association for spina bifida and hydrocephalus (his daughter died from spina bifida shortly after birth).

Paul Walker, of Elmsley Street, Preston, Lancashire: Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (his daughter was a cot-death victim).

Andrew W. Fane, of Margaret Street, London, W1: he is treasurer of The Friends of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children and is aiming to help the hospital's building appeal.

***The Times* and Tandem Computers hope that, by featuring the efforts of our 12 fund-runners, we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to *support* one or more of them, write, clearly stating your beneficiaries, to: *The Times*/*Tandem Computers* London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, *The Times*, Virginia Street, London E1 9BH. We will send on your donations.**

***Tandem Computers* are offering prizes of £250, £150 and £100 in sports shop vouchers, or contributions to their causes, to the three biggest fund raisers from our 12. Every member of the squad will receive mementoes.**

Park switch

Rosslyn Park have arranged a Rugby Union fixture at home against London Scottish for Saturday, March 26. Originally, Park were scheduled to travel to Bristol but that game has been called off because Bristol will be playing in the John Player Special Cup semi-finals.

RUGBY UNION

McBride favoured for a first cap

By George Ace

Denis McBride, the Malone and Ulster open-side flanker, is poised to gain a first cap against Wales at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. McBride, who was on the Possibles side in the final trial in December after replacing Whittle on the Ulster team for the final two Provincial matches of the season, is almost certain to be named as Willie Sexton's replacement if the Garryowen man fails to shake off damage to a hamstring and a groin injury sustained at the weekend.

Eddie Coleman, chairman of selectors, confirmed yesterday that a daily medical report will be issued on Sexton, "and we may be in a position to make a decision by Wednesday". On Sunday morning Coleman intimated that no decision would be taken until the team and replacements assemble in Dublin on Thursday. But yesterday's statement suggests that Sexton's participation on Saturday is in grave doubt.

Whittle suffered an ankle injury at the weekend and will be missing from the Bangor team — as will McCoy, the Ireland reserve tight-head prop — that meets CIYMS tomorrow night at Uprichard Park, where two points will see a Ravenhill play-off between Bangor and Malone for the Ulster senior league title later this month.

Hastings pair picked

Scott and Gavin Hastings will become the first brothers to play in the same Barbarians side since 1951. They appear against East Midlands in the Mobbs memorial match on March 9.

Gloucestershire select John Orwin for their county championship semi-final against Lancashire on March 12.

BARBARIANS: G Hastings (London Scottish); M Duncan (W of Scotland), S Hastings (Watsonians), J Buckton (Saracens), C Oti (Cambridge Univ); L Cusworth (Leicester), S Kenney (Leicester); D Sole (Edinburgh Acads), A Simmons (Wasps), D Young (Swansea), P May (Llanelli), R Norster (Cardiff), S Hodgson (V of Lune), J Jeffrey (Kelso), G Rees (Nottingham).
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: S James (Lydney); C Howard (Rugby), C Allen (Moseley), J Watson (Bristol), F Sagoo (Bath); B Russell (Gordon League), J Davies (Lydney); R Pickett (Berry Hill), G Mann (Gloucester), R Phillips (Gloucester), J Orwin (Bedford), J Etheridge (Gloucester), J Gadd (Stroud), M Teague (Gloucester), M Longstaff (Gloucester).

YACHTING

Cudmore's voice of support

THE TIMES James Capel CREWSEARCH

Harold Cudmore, the Irish America's Cup skipper, has provided added impetus to The Times/James Capel Crewsearch trial at Bangor in May by suggesting that Sail Ireland will be using this regional trial to check out potential crew for Ireland's first Whitbread round-the-world race entry.

"The Crewsearch trials provide up-and-coming sailors with a great opportunity to be noticed at the highest levels of the sport and anyone who thinks they have the potential as crew in the Admiral's Cup, America's Cup or as a Sail Ireland Whitbread crew, have got to get onto the scheme," Ireland's top yachtsman said yesterday.

The Sail Ireland challenge is building a Ron Holland-designed maxi for the 1989-90 Whitbread classic and is looking for a medic, cook, sailmaker, riggers and electicians. "Compatability, motivation and sailing ability are the key attributes we are looking for," a spokesman for this all Irish challenge emphasized yesterday.

To date, the Royal Yachting Association have received close to 1,500 applications to enter this Times/James Capel sponsored search for budding offshore crews and the four weekend trials in the South are heavily oversubscribed.

However, vacancies still exist at the Irish trial at Bangor, on May 7 and 8 (which is open to residents in Northern Ireland or British passport holders only) the Scottish event at Largs at the end of April and the two Crewsearch weekends in the North East, at Whitley Bay on May 14 and 15, and Whitby on July 9 and 10.

The Crewsearch scheme is open to both men and women, aged between 18 and 35, and the six individual winners selected at the national finals in October will each be awarded a £1,900 travel bursary to help them gain international experience at top events such as Australia's Southern Cross Cup and Kenwood Cup in Hawaii.

How to enter

APPLICATION FORM

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AGE .....
OCCUPATION .....
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SAILING EXPERIENCE .....

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event organizers and sponsors shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however caused to the competitor, as a result of taking part in the event or events.

SIGNED .....
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WINTER OLYMPICS: DUTCH, SWISS AND FINNS GET LAST SAY

Third gold seized by van Gennip

Calgary (Reuter) — The Dutch speed skater, Yvonne van Gennip, provided a fitting finale to the XVth Winter Olympics on Sunday by adding the 5,000 metres gold medal to those she had already won at 1,500 and 3,000 metres. Once more it was at the expense of the favoured East German skaters.

She joined Matti Nykaenen, the Finnish ski jumper, as the only triple gold medal winners of the Games.

Also on the ice, Finland inflicted a 2-1 defeat on the already crowned Olympic ice hockey champions, the Soviet Union. Erkki Lehtonen netting the winner with less than two minutes to go in the final tie. The Finns thus collected their first ice hockey medal, the silver, and relegated Sweden to bronze.

Victory in the Nordic combined fell to Switzerland, Hippolyt Kempf overtaking the Austrian pacemaker, Klaus Sulzenbacher, winner of the earlier ski-jumping section, during the final 15km cross-country.



Eagle's farewell: Eddie Edwards, the lone British ski jumper, acknowledges an ovation from the 60,000 crowd packing the McMahon stadium for Sunday night's closing ceremony of the Calgary Winter Olympics. In his farewell to the athletes, Frank King, organizing committee chairman, focused attention on Edwards by declaring: "And some of you have even soared like an eagle."

FINAL RESULTS

ICE HOCKEY

MEDALS ROUND (Sunday): Sweden 3, West Germany 2; Finland 2, USSR 1.

NORDIC SKIING

INDIVIDUAL COMBINED (Sunday): Final placings: 1, H Kempf (Switz), 70m ski jump 217.9 points, 15km cross-country 38min 16 8sec; 2, K Sulzenbacher (Austria), 228.5/39.46 5; 3, A Levandi (USSR), 216.6/39:12.4; 4, U Prenzel (EG), 207.6/38:18.8; 5, A Schaad (Switz), 207.2/38:18.0; 6, T Bjorn Lokken (Norway), 199.4/37:39.0; 7, M Kopal (Cz), 208.7/39:48.0; 8, M Frank (EG), 209.4/39:08.2; 9, T Prenzel (EG), 215.5/39:51.4; 10, V Savine (USSR), 203.7/38:37.5.

SPEED SKATING

WOMEN'S 5,000M (Sunday): 1, Y van Gennip (Neth), 7mn 14.13sec (world record); 2, A Ehrig (EG), 7:17.12; 3, G Zange (EG), 7:21.61; 4, S Boiko (USSR), 7:28.39; 5, Y Lapouga (USSR), 7:28.65; 6, S Hashimoto (Japan), 7:34.43; 7, G Weenink (EG), 7:34.59; 8, J Krohn (Swe), 7:36.56; 9, Chun Ok Han (N Kor), 7:36.81; 10, J Goldman (US), 7:36.98.

BOBSLEIGH

FOUR MAN: Final positions after four runs (Sunday): 1, Switzerland I, (56.83, 57.37, 55.88, 57.43) 3mn 47.51; 2, East Germany I, (56.16, 57.31, 56.77, 57.24) 3:47.48; 3, Soviet Union II, (56.72, 57.31, 56.77, 57.34) 3:48.26; 4, United States I, (56.72, 57.67, 56.41, 57.85) 3:48.28; 5, Soviet Union I, (56.75, 57.66, 56.70, 57.24) 3:48.35; 6, Austria I, (57.07, 57.40, 56.27, 57.51) 3:48.65; 7, Austria II, (56.83, 57.61, 56.41, 58.10) 3:48.95; 8, East Germany II, (57.18, 57.60, 56.33, 57.95) 3:49.06; 9, Switzerland II, (56.39, 57.91, 57.13, 57.82) 3:49.25; 10, Italy I, (57.20, 57.72, 56.53, 58.01) 3:49.46; British: 12, Britain I, 3:49.80; 17, Britain II, 3:51.27.

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	Tot
Soviet Union	11	9	9	29
East Germany	9	10	6	25
Switzerland	5	5	5	15
Austria	3	5	2	10
West Germany	2	4	2	8
Netherlands	3	2	2	7
Finland	4	1	2	7
Sweden	4	0	2	6
United States	2	1	3	6
Norway	0	3	2	5
Canada	0	2	3	5
Italy	2	1	2	5
Yugoslavia	0	2	1	3
Czechoslovakia	0	1	2	3
France	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	0	1	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	1	1

KEY TO COUNTRIES

And: Andorra. Arg: Argentina. Aus: Australia. Bel: Belgium. Bol: Bolivia. Bul: Bulgaria. Can: Canada. Col: Colombia. C Rica: Costa Rica. Cyp: Cyprus. Cz: Czechoslovakia. Den: Denmark. EG: East Germany. Fin: Finland. Fr: France. GB: Britain. Gr: Greece. Guat: Guatemala. Hun: Hungary. Ice: Iceland. It: Italy. Jam: Jamaica. Leb: Lebanon. Liech: Liechtenstein. Lux: Luxembourg. Mex: Mexico. Mon: Monaco. Mong: Mongolia. Mor: Morocco. Neth: Netherlands. Neth Ant: Netherlands Antilles. N Kor: North Korea. Nor: Norway. NZ: New Zealand. Phil: Philippines. Pol: Poland. Por: Portugal. P Rico: Puerto Rico. Rom: Romania. S Kor: South Korea. S Mar: San Marino. Sp: Spain. Swe: Sweden. Switz: Switzerland. Tai: Taiwan. Tur: Turkey. US: United States. USSR: Soviet Union. V Is: Virgin Islands. WG: West Germany. Yug: Yugoslavia.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Southampton v Newcastle
Tottenham v Derby (7.45)
Second division
Bradford v Huddersfield
Third division
Blackpool v York
Brentford v Preston (7.45)
Chesterfield v Bristol C
Doncaster v Mansfield
Grimsby v Rotherham
Sunderland v Fulham
Walsall v Bury
Wigan v Aldershot (7.45)
Fourth division
Bolton v Tranmere
Crewe v Burnley
Halifax v Cardiff
Newport v Leyton Orient
Rochdale v Wolverhampton (7.45)..
Stockport v Scunthorpe
Swansea v Colchester
Wrexham v Cambridge
Simod Cup
Luton v Stoke (7.45)
Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division
Dundee v St Mirren
First division
Clyde v Queen of the South
Clydebank v East Fife
Second division
Alloa v Ayr
E Stirling v Berwick
St Johnstone v Stirling
GM Vauxhall Conference
Enfield v Sutton United

UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: England v The Netherlands (at Ewood Park, Blackburn 7.0).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Manchester United v Nottingham Forest; Sheffield Wednesday v Hull.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Luton (7.30); Charlton v Arsenal (3.0); Millwall v Crystal Palace (2.0); Portsmouth v Fulham (7.0).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE. Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Dulwich; Harrow v Tooting and Mitcham; Hitchin v Bromley; Leytonstone Ilford v Yeovil; Leyton Wingate v Farnborough; Slough v Hendon. *First division: Walton and* Hersham v Marlow; Wembley v Billericay Town (7.45); Woking v Uxbridge. Second division north: Finchley v Hemel Hempstead; Hertford Town v Collier Row; Heybridge Swifts v Witham Town; Saffron Walden Town v Royston Town. Second division south: Chalfont St. Peter v Molesey; Chertsey Town v Yeading; Egham Town v Metropolitan Police; Epsom and Ewell v Dorking; Newbury Town v Maidenhead United; Southall v Banstead Athletic; Whyteleafe v Feltham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley v Nuneaton; Dartford v Worcester; Willenhall v Redditch.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Marine v Sutton Town.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Frickley; Buxton v Horwich; Chorley v Witton; Matlock v Moseley.

NORTHERN COUNTIES FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Harrogate Town v Osset Albion.

WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: Third round replay: VS Rugby v Atherstone. Third round: Gravesend v Cambridge City.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Portadown v Ballymena (7.45).

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Fourth Round Replay: Southwick v Eastbourne United. Fourth Round Second Replay: Shoreham v Horsham.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University v Territorial Army (at Grange Road, 2.15).

RUGBY UNION
Cardiff v Bristol (7.15)
Exeter v Bath
Harrogate v RAF (4.0)
Penarth v Bridgend (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE
St Helens v Hunslet

OTHER SPORT
BOXING at the Garons Suite, Southend.
SNOOKER: MIM Britannia British Open Championship (at the Assembly Rooms, Derby).

SPORT ON TV

SNOOKER: C4 2.30 and ITV 11.35. The MIM Britannia British Open from Derby.
SUMO: C4 11.35. Days 11, 12 and 13 of the autumn tournament in Tokyo.

GOLF

Open-door policy for the R and A

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

The Royal and Ancient yesterday stressed that it has no intention of encouraging a black market by turning the Open Championship into an all-ticket affair.

Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the R and A, said: "We had a meeting earlier this year with the Twickenham and Wimbledon authorities and the more we hear of their problems, then the more we do not want to become involved with an all-ticket Open Championship.

"We do not have the problem of ticket pirates and very inflated prices because of a tremendous black market, or a problem with forged tickets. We want to keep it that way so that the Open Championship is affordable to every member of the public."

The daily admission price for this year's Open Championship, which will take place at Royal Lytham and St Annes from July 14 to 17, will be £11. The price for the final day in 1979, when the Open was last staged on the Lancashire links, was £5. Admission prices have only doubled whereas the prize-money has risen from £155,000 to £700,000. The extra revenue, Bonallack said, comes from television contracts and the hospitality and exhibition areas.

Severiano Ballesteros, who won when the Open was last played at Royal Lytham, is included in a list of players who have already entered, among them Tony Jacklin, Lee Trevino, Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman and Tom Watson.

Meanwhile the R and A announced that the Open Championship will be held in 1992 at Muirfield where, last summer, Nick Faldo was successful. In 1991 the Amateur Championship is to be staged at Ganton, while, the same year, the Montrose Links will host an R and A Championship for the first time when it stages the Boys International Matches.

Beck lifts title at last

Los Angeles — After 10 years without a victory on the United States tour, Chip Beck, of North Carolina, lifted the Los Angeles Open on Sunday (John Ballantine writes). The veteran, aged 31, intends to play in the Open at Royal Lytham in July for the first time since he competed in the championship in 1982.

When Beck saw on the scoreboard at the seventh tee on the final round that Jay Haas had moved to within one stroke of him, he said to himself: "This is it. Let's go." He drove straight and long and then hit a seven-iron to 1½ft for the first of three successive birdies.

Beck need hardly have worried, for the season's leading money-winner dropped strokes on the eighth and ninth holes to fall out of contention.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 267: C Beck, 65, 69, 65, 68. 271: M O'Grady, 69, 68, 66, 68; B Sander, 70, 69, 66, 66. 272: M Reid, 67, 69, 67, 69; E Fiori, 66, 68, 68, 70. 273: T Purtzer, 69, 68, 67, 69; J Haas, 65, 68, 69, 71. 274: S Elkington (Aus), 69, 67, 66, 72; D Hammond, 66, 68, 73, 67. 275: H Sutton, 70, 68, 68, 69. 276: S Simpson, 70, 69, 69, 68; B Crenshaw, 69, 64, 71, 72.

BOXING

Benn to meet Zimbabwean for vacant title

Nigel Benn, the West Ham middleweight, gets his first title bout in April when he meets Joe Makaza, the Zimbabwean champion, in London for the Commonwealth title vacated by Tony Sibson (Srikumar Sen writes).

Benn, unbeaten in 15 contests is Britain's most exciting prospect for the world title. A win could put him in the world rankings. Makaza has won 14 of 17 contetsts.

On the same bill, George Collins, from Yateley, unbeaten in 30 contests, challenges Wilf Jenzen, of Australia, for the Commonwealth welterweight championship. Jensen has won 14 of his 16 contests, 11 of them on knockouts.

RACKETS

Male well set up for Queens

Chicago — James Male, the Open champion, took a strong position in the world championship when he defeated William Boone, the amateur champion, by 4-1 at The Racquet Club here (William Stephens writes). The second leg is at Queen's Club in London this Saturday.

Male took the first leg by 15-2, 15-4, 7-15, 15-4, 15-6. He played classical rackets with purposeful determination, taking the ball early and hitting straight down the walls or diametrically across the court low to a good length.

Boone was sluggish and riven with self-doubt, unable to co-ordinate his foot-work and timing

HOCKEY

British keep faith with youth policy

By Sydney Friskin

The announcement of the Great Britain squad yesterday for the Champions Trophy tournament, starting at Lahore on March 25, *confirms a policy to persevere* with younger players in preparation for the Olympic Games.

***Three members of the* England under-21 squad, Hill, Garcia and Mayer, are included in the party of 16 whose efficiency will be tested at Bisham Abbey this weekend in two matches against France. Mayer and Garcia were with the British team at Barcelona in January but Hill has yet to make his first appearance.**

After long and faithful service Barber, Bhaura and Lomas have been dropped, although it is unlikely that they will be forgotten in the period leading up to the Olympics.

The withdrawal by Kerly and Shaw for business reasons and the omission of Sherwani and the goalkeeper, Pappin, because of injury has broadened the scope for experimentation. Thompson, who scored three of the four goals in two training matches on Sunday, has his chance to prove himself in the round-robin series at Lahore against Pakistan, Australia, West Germany, the Soviet Union and Spain.

BRITISH SQUAD (England unless stated): I Taylor, J Hurst, D Faulkner, S Martin (N Ire), J Duthie, J Potter, R Dodds, W McConnell (N Ire), R Garcia, R Hill, S Batchelor, J Kirkwood (N Ire), R Thompson, R Carr, M Grimley, C Mayer.

● **Invitations to play against Britain in the Lada International Classic at Luton on August 20 and 21 have been sent to the Netherlands, Kenya and Spain.**

Sale's A league and cup double beckons

Sale moved within reach of their second successive Royal Bank English Women's league and cup double at the weekend by qualifying for the final of the national cup competition one day, and consolidating their place at the top of the first division the next (Roddy Mackenzie writes).

Sale's 3-1 cup semi-final win over Istari-Malory on Saturday set up a repeat of the final at Crystal Palace last year, with Ashcombe seeking to upset the Cheshire side's double ambitions on March 12.

A 3-1 win at Dragonara Leeds on Sunday kept Sale two points clear at the top of division one and, with only two matches remaining in the league, time is running out for Ashcombe and Arsenal Britannia — the only teams that can now catch them.

The rise of Sale has been matched in the men's game by Malory.

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FOOTBALL

Shortcomings up front may leave Rangers exposed

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Continental journey of Glasgow Rangers is in danger of ending half-way between the Transylvanian Alps and the Black Sea. When they needed to be at their strongest, for the first leg of the European Cup quarter-final tie against Steaua Bucharest, they are at their weakest.

Graeme Souness, the Rangers' manager, appreciates the substantial threat that will be posed by the Romanians, the winners of the trophy two years ago. He rates them above Dinamo Kiev, the champions of the Soviet Union who were suffering from physical and mental fatigue in the first round.

Having twice seen Steaua for himself, he knows that they are far more talented than Gornik Zabzre, the kings of Poland who were petrified at the Ibrox stadium in the last round. "Steaua are the best side we will have played this season," Souness declared yesterday before the elongated flight.

Should anyone care to question the accuracy of his opinion, they should look no further than Steaua's domestic record. It surpasses Liverpool's. They have not been beaten in their own land for a season and a half and Walter Smith, Souness's assistant, saw further evidence of their overwhelming superiority last weekend.

They were able to rest three of their top players for a cup-tie, which they still won 3-0. "They have good individuals who work as a team," Souness said. "They are solid at the back and I am impressed with Hagi and particularly with Lacatus, who plays on the right side of midfield."

So much for the talent of the Romanians. Now for the flaws in the Scottish challenge. Souness, who would have been "happy to go with a full squad", has left a significant portion behind. The list of casualties includes more than half of the team that he would ideally have chosen.

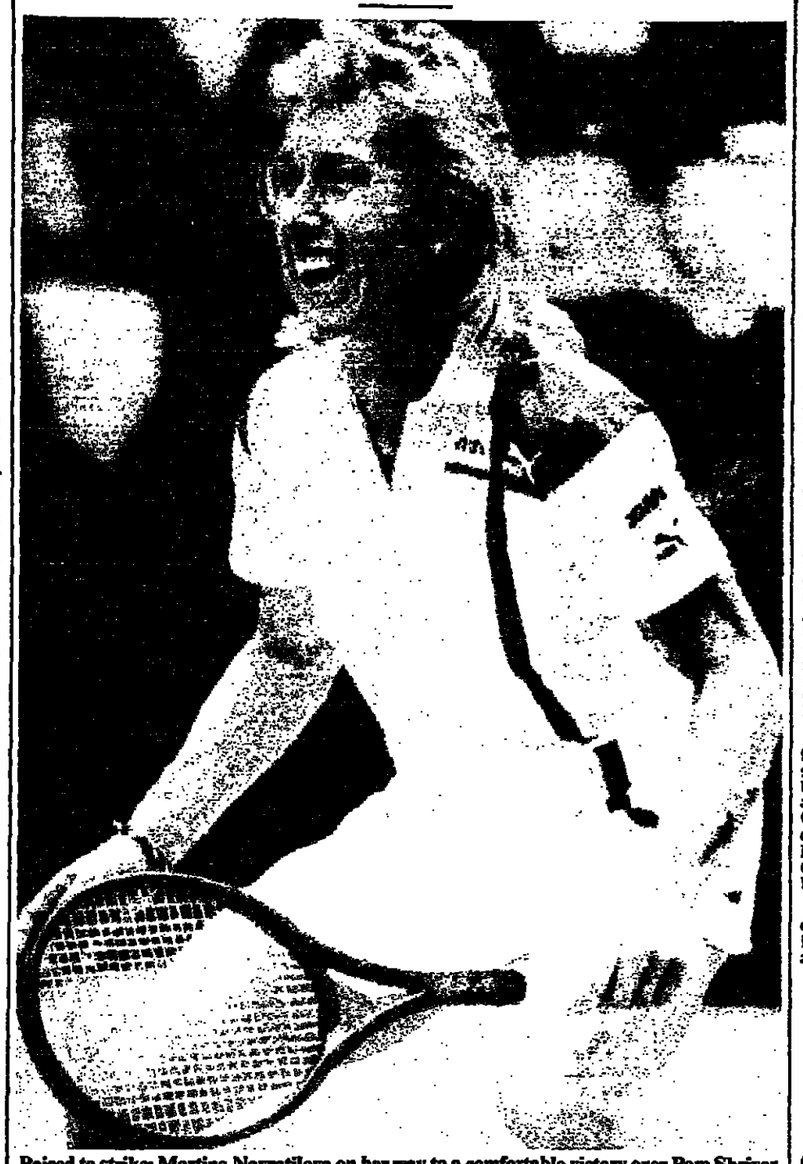
Already without the powerful defensive influence of Butcher, who is still recuperating from his broken leg, Souness has lost his leading attacking weapon. McCoist, as well. McGregor, too, is ruled out of the midfield possibilities because of injury. The absence of the trio would have been debilitating enough.

The departures of Falco and Fleck leave Rangers woefully short of firepower. The men responsible for all but one of the half a dozen goals they have scored so far in the competition are not here. Nor are Bartram, Brown, Ferguson and Walters, all of whom are ineligible.

"With so many players missing, our backs will be against the wall," Souness conceded. "We will have to ride our luck on the night and the contribution of the more experienced players such as Gough, Roberts, Wilkins and myself will be crucial." So, perhaps most decisively, will be that of Woods.

Souness could offer nothing more optimistic than to "hope he'll go into the game determined to keep a clean sheet". Woods spent an idle afternoon for England in Tel Aviv last month. Now, as he holds the ambitions of another nation in his hands, he is sure to be substantially more active.

TENNIS



Poised to strike: Martina Navratilova on her way to a comfortable victory over Pam Shriver

Serving a reminder to Graf

Martina Navratilova's emphatic 6-0, 6-2 victory over Pam Shriver in the final of the Virginia Slims tournament in Washington at the weekend gave her a third title in three weeks and served to remind Steffi Graf that her ranking as the world's No. 1 is always under threat (Barry Wood writes).

While Graf competes in the next three tournaments, however, Navratilova is avoiding the punishing cement courts, which means the world's top two players are unlikely to meet before the European clay-court season begins in May.

One player to watch for will be Brenda Schultz, of The Netherlands. Aged 17, she played well to reach the Virginia Slims final in Oklahoma.

Three try to fill an American dream

From Richard Evans, Indian Wells, California

The search for a new American tennis champion to revive interest and pride in the game in this country begins in earnest here at the Newsweek Champions Cup. Stefan Edberg, Miloslav Mecir, Boris Becker and Pat Cash are the top seeds but, appropriately in a setting barely a year old, it is extreme youth that will come under the microscope.

The tournament is being held at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, a new flower added to the Californian desert through a company formed by Charlie Pasarell who, along with his director of tennis, Ray Moore, has been passing an eagle-eye over the weekend's qualifying rounds.

Both Pasarell and Moore pinpoint the youngster they feel has the best chance of real success — 16-year-old Pete Sampras, who made it through with an impressive victory over Todd Nelson, the American who beat Yannick Noah to reach the Lyon final three weeks ago.

"Sampras has great talent," Pasarell said. "He's very quick; he can serve and volley and has no real weaknesses. I'll back him to go all the way."

Two other hopefuls are more established. At No 17 on the ATP computer following his first Super Series title in Mephis 10 days ago, Andre Agassi is already on his way. He packs more power in his shots than most professionals can handle. Michael Chang has elected to turn professional at 16.

ROWING

Joint challenge by universities in Olympic regatta

By Jim Railton

Oxford and Cambridge, preparing to contest the Boat Race for the Beefeater Trophy on April 2 (2.30), ended last week actually rowing in the same small boats.

It should be explained, however, before Old Blues turn different shades, that Oxford and Cambridge's British Olympic hopefuls were invited to a national squad weekend at Thorpe Park, tha aim of which was to reduce a group of 14 oarsmen to 10, for consideration for the national eight.

On Saturday morning, the guillotine fell on Richard Hull and Paul Gleeson, Oxford Blues from last year's winning Boat Race crew. In the afternoon, Jonathan Fearle, Tom Cadoux-Hudson and Gavin Stewart mixed and interchanged in trial in pairs with Guy Pooley, Mathew Brittain and Jim Garmin, of Cambridge. Their hopes appeared to be still alive.

Steve Royle, director of Oxford University Boat Club, is seriously considering a combined universities crew to make a bid for an eight for the Olympic Regatta. "I have discussed the possibility with Mark Lees at London University and Cambridge's chief coach, Allan Inns. They are all interested.

"We will all now want to do our own thing at Henley Royal Regatta, but after there could be an interesting challenge to the international eight designate from the combined universities."

Oxford are certainly in at the deep end this Saturday in the Reading Head of the River race while Cambridge plan to cruise the Tideway with the Tideway Scullers.

Last year this time Oxford were in the throes of all their traumas and the Reading head result was a very poor one. Oxford finished fifth behind Leander, London University, Imperial College and Reading University and their heads hung low until their remarkable recovery just before Boat Race day.

On Saturday Oxford will be determined to climb at least some way back up the ladder. But it is not going to be easy. Leander, the head crew, could have some top international oarsmen and medal winners on board.

With less than five weeks to the Boat Race, it can only be days before the presidents announce their crews and send them to the tailors. Cambridge University as usual are playing a lower profile than Oxford accepting their comfortable wins over Imperial College at Ely the weekend before last. Cambridge's big task to come will probably be against London University in the near future.

PSV warm up with panache

In the crucial weekend before the resumption of the European competitions, PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch leaders, warmed up for their European Cup quarter-final against Bordeaux by thrashing Volendam 6-1 at home. Kieft scored three goals in the second half as PSV extended their unbeaten run to 23 matches and went eight points clear of Ajax, quarter-finalist in the Cup Winners' Cup, who beat FC Utrecht 1-0.

Bordeaux suffered the same lassitude afflicting many French clubs since the resumption last week: a lack of goals. They drew 0-0 at home to Paris Saint-Germain, picking up injuries to Toure, Farjeon and Bijotat. Monaco, the leaders, have yet to score in this half of the season after a goalless draw at Laval.

Real Madrid, Spain's representative in the European Cup, drew 1-1 in Seville; Bayern Munich, their quarter-final opponents, crushed FC Hamburg 6-0, but leaders Werder Bremen beat Bochum 1-0.

Napoli stayed five points clear in Italy thanks to Giordano's goal in the 1-0 win at Pescara.

Chester fearful of backlash from FA

Chester City fear the full force of the Football Association's clampdown on violence and bad behaviour following the incident on Saturday when Micky Clarke, their trainer-coach, spat at Ian McParland, the Notts County forward. Clarke has been dismissed by Chester, but Eric Barnes, the club chairman, believes the club could be heading for more trouble. "Micky is no longer our responsibility, but he was on Saturday," Barnes said. "We may have to pay for that."

● Chris Ramsey, of Southend United, was yesterday put on the transfer list and fined a week's wages by the club. It is alleged that he deliberately elbowed Gary Caldoon in the face during Saturday's reserve match against Billericay.

● Dave Caldwell, the Torquay United forward, has been charged by the FA with bringing the game into disrepute for the second time this season. He was fined £100 after being found guilty of a similar charge follwing his fourth sending off earlier this season.

● Leeds United yesterday completed the signing of Ian Baird, their former forward, from Portsmouth in a £185,000 deal.

Bashley's tough task

Bashley, who have reached the last four of the FA Vase in their first year in the competition, were yesterday given their most difficult task yet when they were drawn against Emley in the semi-finals (Paul Newman writes).

Emley, who play in the Northern Counties East League, lost to St Helens Town, the eventual winners, in the semi-finals last season. Bashley, the Wessex League champions, are from a New Forest village with a population of fewer than 200.

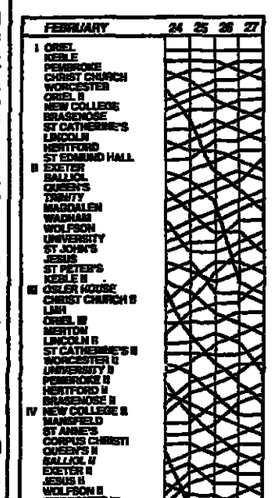
In the other semi-final Colne Dynamoes, the Bass North West Counties League leaders, face Sudbury Town, the Building Scene Eastern League champions.

DRAW: Bashley v Emley; Sudbury v Colne Dynamoes (Two legs to be played on March 19 and March 26).

Oriel take record yet higher

Oriel's supremacy was confirmed again on the Isis as they retained the headship of the Oxford University Torpids for a record seventeenth consecutive year.

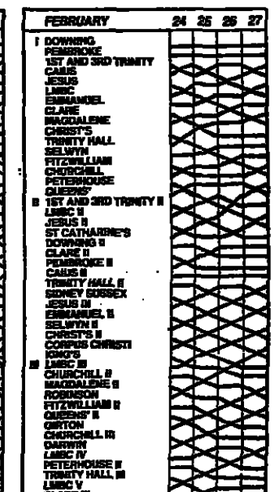
Osler House were almost as dominant in the women's first division.



Downing's fifth success

Downing completed their fifth successive headship of the Cambridge University Lents as Pembroke remained in the challenger's position ahead of the improving Lady Margaret, who moved up three days in a row.

In the women's races, a surprise defeat for Jesus gave Emmanuel their first headship.



POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday March 5 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Coventry v Chelsea
X Derby v Everton
X Norwich v Manchester U
2 QPR v Liverpool
2 Sheffield W v Notts F
2 Watford v Southampton
1 West Ham v Oxford
1 Wimbledon v Luton

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Tottenham (Sunday); Everton v Newcastle

SECOND DIVISION

2 Birmingham v Bradford
2 Bournemouth v A Villa
X C Palace v Oldham
2 Huddersfield v Reading
1 Hull v Barnsley
1 Leeds v Plymouth
1 Leicester v Sheffield U
X Manchester C v Ipswich
X Shrewsbury v Millwall
X Stoke v Blackburn
2 WBA v Middlesbrough

THIRD DIVISION

1 Bristol C v Grimsby
1 Bury v Port Vale
1 Chester v Bristol R
2 Chesterfld v Ntmpton
X Fulham v Wigan
1 Gillingham v Mansfield
1 Notts Co v Doncaster
1 Preston v Brighton
1 Rotherham v Southend
1 Sunderland v Blackpool
1 Walsall v Brentford
Not on coupons: Aldershot v York

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Exeter
2 Carlisle v Bolton
1 Darlington v Rochdale
1 Scarborough v Crewe
1 Scunthorpe v Hereford
1 Torquay v Hartlepool
Not on coupons: Cambridge v Leyton Orient; Cardiff v Peterborough (Friday); Colchester v Wrexham (Friday); Stockport v Halifax (Friday); Newport v Swansea; Tranmere v Wolves (Friday)

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION

2 Barking v St Albans
1 Bromley v Hayes
1 Hitchin v Basingstoke
1 Leytonstone v Croydon

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Celtic v Falkirk
1 Dundee v Morton
2 Dunfermline v Rangers
X Hibernian v Dundee U
2 Motherwell v Hearts
2 St Mirren v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Airdrie v Meadowbank
1 Clydebank v Clyde
1 Forfar v Dumbarton
X Partick v Hamilton
1 On of Sth v E Fife
1 Raith v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Arbroath v Albion
1 Ayr v Cowdenbeath
1 Brechin v Montrose
1 E Stirling v Stranraer
1 Queen's Pk v Berwick
2 Stnhsmr v St Johnstone
Not on coupons: Stirling v Alloa

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Derby, Norwich, Crystal Palace, Manchester City, Shrewsbury, Stoke, Fulham, Hibernian, Airdrie, Partick. Next best: Hull, Preston.
BEST DRAWS: Derby, Manchester City, Shrewsbury, Stoke, Hibernian.
AWAYS: Liverpool, Bradford, Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, Northampton.
HOMES: Leeds, Bristol City, Gillingham, Notts County, Sunderland, Bromley, Leytonstone-Ilford, Celtic, Dundee, Ayr, East Stirling, Queen's Park.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Leeds, Gillingham, Notts County, Celtic, Dundee. Aways: Southampton, Bradford, Reading. Draws: Manchester City, Shrewsbury, Hibernian.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	60	220	good	fair	good	snow	-2
Fresh snow, good base							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	50	180	good	powder	fair	snow	-1
Excellent powder skiing							
Obergurgl	90	210	good	powder	good	cloud	-3
Good skiing after new snow							
FRANCE							
Flaine	160	310	powder	powder	good	snow	-6
Poor visibility, plentiful snow							
Val Thorens	140	200	good	powder	good	snow	-5
New snow, firm base							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover; surface icy; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover; surface icy; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover; surface icy; vertical runs, 1800 ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000 ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete; hard packed snow with many icy patches; middle runs, runs complete; hard packed snow with many icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete; hard packed snow with many icy patches; vertical runs, 2000 ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, slight snow; snow level, 1500 ft. Glencoe: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover; surface icy with many icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover; hard packed snow with many icy patches; vertical runs, 1500 ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000 ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover; new snow drifting; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover; new snow drifting; lower slopes, runs complete; wide snow cover; new snow drifting; vertical runs, 700 ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, slight snow; snow level, 2000 ft. Forecast: Cairngorm, Lecht and Glenshee: mostly cloudy with frequent snow showers and much drifting with whiteout conditions at times; Glencoe: just scattered snow showers; winds mainly northerly strong on the lower slopes, gales or severe gales on the upper moderating slowly as the day goes on; freezing at all levels. Outlook: winds continuing to moderate,further snow showers mainly in the east.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Swimming award

Commander Gerry Forsberg has become only the second Englishman to be awarded life membership of the Scottish Swimming Association. Cdr Forsberg, aged 70, the president of the British Long Distance Swimming Association, is a former English Channel record holder

Day on loan

Sean Day, the St Helens utility back, has joined the Rugby League second division club, Runcorn Highfield, on loan. Day has been transfer-listed at £15,000.

Plastic finish

Queen's Park Rangers intend to glean maximum use from their plastic football pitch as they press for a possible place in Europe next season. The club have dismissed reports that they were planning to rip up the artificial surface before their final home first division game.

Irish brand

Le Puy (AFP) — Sean Kelly is to have a range of bicycles named after him. The Irishman's name has been chosen by the leading French firm, St Etienne Cycles, to market the range, which has until now been named after the great Jacques Anquetil.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

IRVINE: Scottish cross-country championships: Senior men (7½ miles): 1, K Teasdale (Edinburgh Southern), 39min 14sec; 2, C Robison (Spango Valley), 39:47; 3, T Murray (Greenock Glenpark), 39:51. Team: Cambuslang, 63pts. Juniors (5 miles): C Murphy (Pitreavie), 26:21. Team: Motherwell, 45. Youths (4 miles): M Campbell (Clydebank), 22:48. Team: Clydebank, 26. Senior boys (3 miles): N Freer (Clydebank), 18:02. Team: Victoria Park, 43. Junior boys (2 miles): D Whitten (Ness Valley), 12:29. Team: Clydebank, 47. Senior women (4 miles): 1, S Brantley (McLaren Glasgow), 22:46; 2, L Harding (Houghton), 23:51; 3, L van Dyck (Essex Ladies), 24:14. Team: McLaren Glasgow, 14. Intermediates (2½ miles): S Grainger (Edinburgh Woollen Mills Southern), 15:28. Team: Kilmarnock, 37. Juniors (2 miles): N Brown (Tynedale), 13:23. Team: Inverness, 123. Girls (2 miles): A Cheyne (Bathgate), 13:21. Team: Victoria Park, 71. Mixers: H Brooks (Ayr Seaforth), 9:41. Team: Black Isle, 45.

COVENTRY: Southern Counties veteran's cross-country championships (10km): Over 4th: 1, S Cowles (Oxford City), 32min 56sec; 2, P Lindsell (Oxford City), 33:27; 3, P Bryan (Havering) 33:33. Team: Oxford City. Over 45: T Davies (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 34:48; 2, T Ryan (Nomads London), 35:34. Team: Vale of Aylesbury. Over 55: M Barratt (Ealing and Southall), 36:48. Over 60: R Belmore (Vets), 40:20.

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire women's cross-country league (5 miles): 1, A Wyeth (Southampton and Eastleigh), 33min 46sec; 2, J Hyde (Southampton and Eastleigh), 13:48; 3, S Bridger (Atalanta Fareham), 13:51. Team: Southampton and Eastleigh, 8pts.

BRACKNELL: Surrey 10-mile walking championships: 1, M Easton (Surrey WC), 67min 14sec. Team: Surrey WC, 21pts.

WOKING: 10-mile road race: 1, S Brace (Bridgend), 49min 03sec; 2, G Newhams (Bridgend), 49:04; 3, K Penny (Cambridge H), 49:55. Team: Bridgend, 39pts. Veteran: R Jones (Cambridge H), 50:21. Women: K McLeod (Edinburgh Southern), 55:15.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Detroit Pistons 106, Boston Celtics 101; Denver Nuggets 109, New York Knicks 100; Houston Rockets 108, San Antonio Spurs 95; Los Angeles Lakers 111, Phoenix Suns 97.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Gateshead 91, Brixton 82; Worthing 116, Ellesmere Port 95. Women: First division: Crystal Palace 66, Ipswich 61; Northampton 62, Stockport 56; Nottingham 69, Brixton 67; Sheffield 61, London YMCA 58.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	39	17	.696	—
New York Knicks	22	32	.407	16
Philadelphia 76ers	22	32	.407	16
Washington Bullets	21	32	.396	16½
New Jersey Nets	12	42	.222	26
Central Division				
Detroit Pistons	35	18	.660	—
Atlanta Hawks	35	20	.636	1
Chicago Bulls	31	24	.564	5
Milwaukee Bucks	29	24	.547	6
Indiana Pacers	29	25	.537	6½
Cleveland Cavaliers	28	28	.500	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	37	17	.685	—
Denver Nuggets	33	20	.623	3½
Houston Rockets	32	21	.604	4½
Utah Jazz	27	26	.509	9½
San Antonio Spurs	21	31	.404	15
Sacramento Kings	16	38	.296	21
Pacific Division				
Los Angeles Lakers	45	9	.833	—
Portland Trail Blazers	33	21	.611	12
Seattle Supersonics	29	27	.518	17
Phoenix Suns	17	37	.315	28
Golden State Warriors	14	38	.269	30
Los Angeles Clippers	12	40	.231	32

CRICKET

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: World Youth Cup tournament: Wealworth: West Indies 236-9, New Zealand 196-9; West Indies won by 41 runs. Hillcrest: England 254-8 (N Hussain 68), International Cricket Conference Associates: 175; England won by 79 runs. Barnsley: Sri Lanka 151, Pakistan 152-3; Pakistan won by seven wickets. Brent: India 132, Australia 135-3; Australia won by seven wickets.

WEBSTER'S NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Northern zone: Warrington 107, Derby 112; Hull 120, Manchester 83; Sheffield 100, Rochdale 77. Midlands zone: Leicester 108, Nottingham 41; Peterborough 82, Walsall 101; Cradley Heath 85, Wellingborough 76. South-ern zone: Tottenham 139, Docklands 125; Fareham 72, Totton 88; Ipswich 78, Hounslow 104. Webster's fastest: Leeds 69, Stockport 115; Nottingham North 75, Wolverhampton 138; Dartford 141, Canterbury 48; Solihull 145, Nottingham 58.

CYCLING

MIAMI: Tour of the Americas: Sixth stage (132km): 1, D Phinney (US), 3hr 00min 11sec; 2, S Jukocho (It); 3, J Devos (Bel); 4, M Lamaire (Bel); 5, N Golding (Mex); 6, D-E Pedersen (Nor), all same time. Final positions: 1, Phinney, 21hr 42min 13sec; 2, S Tilford (US), at 1min 35sec; 3, J Pacheco (Sp), at 1:42; 4, G Lemond (US), at 2:00; 5, R Knickman (US), at 2:20; 6, V Worre (Den), at 2:30. Final positions in Tour of the Americas Super Series (1,272km): 1, J Worre (Den), 1,200pts; 2, Greg LeMond (US), 1,150; 3, Pacheco, 1,080; 4, R Knickman (US), 1,075; 5, Phinney, 1,000.

CATANIA (Sicily): Tour of Etna (192km; Italian unless stated): 1, P Cimiru, 5hr 12min; 2, G Calcaterra; 3, A Berti; 4, R Sorensen (Den); 5, G Strazzer, all same time.

EQUESTRIANISM

TUCSON: World Cup Grand Prix of Tucson: 1, A Laone (Aus), Lassandro, clear in 28.69sec; 2, R Gage (US), Kodac, 27.22; 3, I Miller (Can), El Futuro, 28.98; 4, C Kappler (US), Concorde, 29.12.

FENCING

DOYNE CUP (mens' junior foil): Semi-finals: Cobben bt Griffin, 12-10; Smith bt Olympios, 12-11. Final: Smith bt Cobban, 10-3.

GOLF

LUSAKA: Zambia Open: Final scores (British unless stated): 280: D Llewellyn, 72, 70, 69, 70. 281: R Fish, 71, 72, 70, 68. 286: G Ralph, 72, 73, 71, 70. 289: J Higgins, 67, 79, 70, 73; J Pinsent, 72, 73, 74, 70. 290: C Platts, 72, 74, 71, 73; J McHenry (Ire), 77, 71, 76, 66. 291: S Cox, 75, 70, 73, 73. 292: J Morgan, 78, 71, 75, 70.

HILL SAMUEL SCHOOLS FOURSOMES: Preliminary Round: Wellingborough 2, Ratcliffe 1; Monkton Combe 1, Taunton 2. First Round: Warwick 3, Trent 0; Repton 2, Rugby 1; Solihull 1, Stowe 2; Wellingborough 0, King Henry VIII, Coventry 3; St George's, Weybridge 3, Eltham 0. Reigate GS 0, Dulwich 3. Lancing 0, Charterhouse 3; Taunton 3, Plymouth.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: Great Dane 24, Tryst 17 21; Leicester 13 12, Birkenhead 26; EK '82 23, Stranraer/Clyde University 20; German Tornados 14, Ashford Farmers 20. Women: Holywood Town 13, Wakefield Metros 19; Tryst 14, Manchester United SSS 20; EK '82 13, Manchester United SSS 23; Arcton 15, Wakefield Metros 22.

BRITISH CUP: Quarter-final: Great Dane 23, Tryst 17 22.

KARATE

CRYSTAL PALACE: EKC national championships: Men's team: British Sports Karate Association bt Isshin Ryu, 4-1. Senior men: Lightweight: A Shaher (SKA) gold; D Croydon (SKG) silver. Middleweight: M Thomas (Gashinkai) gold; S Seymore (SKF) silver. Heavyweight: T Fosse (GEKF) gold; M Evenne (BSKA) silver. Junior men: Lightweight: R Page (SIK) gold; L Quarles (TYGA) silver. Middleweight: C Paul (TKD) gold; A Pickles (BAS) silver. Heavyweight: C Bacides (SKG) gold; K Morton (Isshin) silver. Women's team: Isshin Ryu bt Zenshin Ryu, 2-1. Lightweight: S Graham (Zenshin) gold; B Allwood (Seibukan) silver. Middleweight: M Samuels (Isshin Ryu) gold; A Bailey (HKK) silver. Heavyweight: D Reilly (Isshin) gold; Y Bnan (Zenshin) silver.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Merchant Taylors', Crosby 1, Caldey Grange 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New Jersey Devils 8, Minnesota North Stars 6; Chicago Black Hawks 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 5; Buffalo Sabres 5, Winnipeg Jets 3; Calgary Flames 3, Edmonton Oilers 2; Los Angeles Kings 2, Vancouver Canucks 0.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia Flyers	33	22	7	73	229	220
N York Islanders	30	24	9	69	245	215
Washin Capitals	31	26	6	68	215	189
N Jersey Devils	28	32	5	61	226	246
N York Rangers	26	29	8	60	237	228
Pittsburgh Pens	25	30	9	59	241	259
Adams League						
Montreal Cans	36	20	10	80	249	203
Boston Bruins	37	22	5	79	249	220
Buffalo Sabres	29	26	9	67	225	241
Hartford Whalers	26	30	7	59	192	210
Quebec Nords	26	32	4	56	221	238

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Detroit R Wings	31	24	8	70	255	219
St Louis Blues	29	29	5	63	220	220
Chic B Hawks	26	31	7	59	226	257
Toronto M Leafs	19	36	10	48	230	272
Minesota N Stars	17	36	9	43	197	271
Smythe Division						
Calgary Flames	37	20	7	81	302	242
Edmonton Oilers	35	21	8	78	289	225
Winnipeg Jets	28	27	9	65	237	241
L Angeles Kings	25	37	5	55	251	295
Vancouver Cans	21	38	7	49	225	259

MOTOR SPORT

MIAMI: Miami Grand Prix: 1, P Cobb (US) and J Weaver (GB), Porsche 962, 124 laps; 2, M Brundle (GB) and J Nielsen (Den), Jaguar XJR-9, 124; 3, O Larraun (It), Porsche 962, 124; 4, C Robinson (US) and D Bell (GB), Porsche 962, 124.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Charterhouse (C Simson and M Rudd) bt Wellington (J Morgan and H Green), 3-15, 15-8, 17-15, 15-3, 4-15, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S: Representative match: MCC bt Oxford University, 4-0. MCC names first: W Hollington bt C Hitt, 6-1, 6-2; S Somerville bt J Gee, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; B Thoebalds bt S Harford, 6-3, 6-4; R Sligh bt J de Portales, 6-0, 6-3.

HATFIELD: Bridgeman Cup (over 50s; singles): Semi-finals: Dean bt Vaughan, 6-1, 6-1; Crook bt Bevan-Thomas, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. Final: Dean bt Crook, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

CRANFORD: George Wimpey under 21 open singles: Semi-finals: A Phillips bt N Woods, 6-1, 6-0; I Snell bt P Paterson, 6-1, 6-1. Final: Phillips bt Snell, 6-3, 5-6, 6-5.

SQUASH RACKETS

DERBY: National schools and colleges championship: Inter-regional final: Holm Firth High School (Huddersfield) bt Totton Hall College (Wolverhampton), 4-1.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Eltham College 18, St Mary's, Sidcup 6; Gunnersbury 0, Enfield Old 13; Leeds GS, 34 Harrogate 9; Merchant Taylors', Crosby 12, King Edward's, Lytham 0; Newport GS 23, Coopers 6.

BATH COMBINATION CUP: Quarter-final: Frome 30, Old Edwardians 0.

OXFORDSHIRE/MIDLAND BREWERY CUP: Semi-finals: Banbury 17, Henley 12; Oxford 41, Oxford Marathon 0.

UNDER-21 COUNTY MATCH: Suffolk 7, Hertfordshire 12.

SUFFOLK ST EDMUNDS CUP: Semi-finals: Ipswich Colts 22, Ipswich YMCA 22 (Ipswich win as away side); Sudbury Colts 11, Colchester 6.

HOSPITALS' CUTTERIDGE CUP: Final: London Hospital 6, St Thomas's 7.

SNOOKER

DERBY: MIM Britannia Unit Trusts British Open: Fourth round: M Macleod (Scot) bt A Knowles (Eng) 5-4. Frame scores (Knowles first): 85-82; 51-50; 76-41; 36-66, 68-31; 50-57; 47-57; 73-8; 45-69, S Hendry (Scot) bt T Jones (Wales) 5-1. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 51-74, 6-80, 64-48, 42-85, 5-78, 24-104.

TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: US indoor championships: Men's singles: Final: T Mayotte (US) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Men's doubles: Final: K Evenden (NZ) and J Kriek (US) bt K Curren and D Visser (SA), 7-6, 6-3.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Virginia Slims women's tournament: Singles: Final: L McNeil (US) bt S Schulz (Neth), 6-3, 6-2. Doubles: Final: J Novotna (Cz) and C Suire (Fr) bt C Lindqvist (Swe) and T Schauer-Larsen (Den), 6-4, 6-4.

WASHINGTON: Virginia Slims women's tournament: Singles: Final: M Navratilova (US) bt P Shriver (US), 6-0, 6-2. Doubles: Final: N Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg) and H Sukova (Cz), 6-3, 6-4.

NAIROBI: Kenyan Open: Men's singles: Final: P Wekesa (Kan) bt J Cunha-Silva (Port), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3. Men's doubles: Final: B Cox (US) and S Meklam (NG) bt U Colombini (It) and A Moretto (Mex), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

MIDDLESBROUGH: European association winter cup: Qualifying zone (Girls 18 and, under): Singles: M Laval (Fr) bt S Loosemore (GB), 6-2, 6-1; N Koeves (Hun) b

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City-based snow and ice Games here to stay

From David Miller
Calgary

Gigantism is here to stay in the Winter Olympics. Bigger games in bigger cities. That prospect emerged yesterday as the official line of the International Olympic Committee at their final press conference of the Calgary ice stampede. There is, however, to be a serious review of the inclusion of no-hopers, with the possibility of qualifying standards to restrict the size of entries.

Juan Antonio Samaranch stated that more snow or ice sports are needed to fill the three-weekend programme. And Marc Hodler, president of both the International Ski Federation and the Association of Winter Sports, said that it was now almost impossible to return to traditional small Alpine towns, and that only big cities could handle the Winter Games: that there would have to be acceptance to travelling to suitable ski sites.

Many will regard the expansion with misgiving, believing the Winter Games are already over-weighted with minority events spread too thinly over 16 days and that general public interest could become jeopardised. The summer Olympics has five times the programme hours over the same period.

However, the huge success, in spite of perverse weather, of the Calgary event — vast crowds at superlative indoor stadiums and at the controversial ski jump site and at Canmore's unrivalled Nordic centre — encourages Samaranch and his colleagues to think otherwise. The strength of their judgement will be tested in Albertville in 1992, when different sports will be even more widely geographically spread, and American television will be substantially less enthusiastic out of its own prime time.

"It's now up to the programme commission to decide which of the demonstration sports should be included." Samaranch said yesterday. "I have no favourite, but Albertville would like freestyle skiing." Free style drew large crowds at Olympic Park here, and is, inevitably, popular with television directors who get all they need from two static camera positions.

The prospect is alarming. Aerials, though spectacular, are dangerous: they need perfect ramps, cannot be practiced by novices, and need a water-pit for experimental development. Moguls certainly require enormous skill, but the third discipline, so called "ballet", is a contrived mis-shapen nonsense comparable to synchronized swimming, and yet another arbitrarily judged event.

Hodler yesterday acknowledged the safety problem of aerials, and the question of protecting young skiers attracted to something as visually exciting as jumping a motorbike over double deck buses. We do not, however, want the Stunt Olympics.

Curling, the inclusion of which would delight the Scots, does not seem to have strong support. The outstanding success here was short track speed skating, with the rough and tumble of a jostling field, and the tactical judgment absent in conventional speed skating. Wilfred O'Reilly would be delighted to compete for real medals in Albertville: or whichever part of Haute Savoie the French decide to stage short track.

It is increasingly likely that the Winter Games will now be given to a region as much as to a city. Denver and Munich become candidates. "We need three indoor stadia, maybe four," Hodler said. "And the after-use of 16,000 capacity halls doesn't exist for small resorts. The Winter Games are a forced marriage between snow and ice and we have to judge how far it is reasonable to travel for snow facilities. We have to compromise."

That will not sound like good news to Sofia, whose bid for 1994 — to be decided at Seoul in September — is based on the one-city complex. Their downhill and Nordic sites have question marks, and the IOC may be leaning more towards Lausanne, with the Alpine events some 70 miles away. Or Anchorage?

Hodler promised that consideration would be given to introducing points qualification for all individual events, especially skiing, and for bobsleigh and luge to have starting-order preference for the top competitors, as in skiing.

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END COLUMN

Time to get the dialogue into play

By Tom Pendry MP

(Chairman of the All-Party Football Committee and the Parliamentary Labour Party Sports Committee)

The Times has done a great service to those of us who love our national game of football with last week's serious analysis of the hooligan issue. The focus was on the problems and the almost military-style policing needed all too frequently to contain supporters. It is now up to the administrators of the game to rise to these challenges.

Football's nineteenth-century structure almost by definition means that its leadership is fragmented and would appear of itself incapable of giving the necessary lead. The Government has an enormous part to play yet its knee-jerk responses to the hooligan problem have at best been only half-baked solutions and at worst actually counter-productive.

The committee which I chair, now one of the largest committees in the House, has been calling for increased Government involvement in the game for years and is an ideal vehicle for assisting the Government to see the game in a clearer light.

As has been hinted at last week in your columns, "law and order" alone cannot solve the problems in football. Membership schemes in their present form, closed-circuit television cameras and more effective policing do help to contain hooliganism, but they don't challenge the fundamental problems.

Two clear areas to start work

Hooliganism is a cancer within our society and, in a sporting context, it rears its ugly head in many places other than football. Boxing, horse racing and cricket to name but three other sports have all had their share of trouble recently. The problem needs to be tackled at its roots and there are two clear areas where work should be done now.

First, at school level, the perception that football matches are a place to go "for trouble" needs correcting. The role of the education service and the social ethics of football have been the basis of work by both Liverpool City Council and the Leicester University team and I hope that their findings will be widely read.

On a practical level, football clubs need closer links with local schools and the community. Action Sport projects offer one route while another is the genuine commitment shown by Watford to get schools from their catchment area involved.

The second route towards a solution is with the supporters themselves. Many membership schemes introduced this season are little more than supporter registration schemes. In return for their commitment to the club, they should be involved in it and consulted, even at Board level.

At Leeds United, for example, a supporter does sit on the Board while at Millwall too, sponsorship by the local authority (Lewisham) has created better community links and its appointment of John Stalker as Community Advisor is an interesting positive development.

Genuine dialogue with supporters will help the clubs and, crucially, it could lead to better facilities at grounds. While supporters are treated like cattle is it really surprising that a tiny minority react like animals? A decent, covered view with refreshments and toilets available is the least they should expect.

Wales may select between mystery man and Paisley

By Ian Ross

The Welsh Football Association is expected to name the new manager of its national side before the end of the week despite admitting yesterday that it had still to choose from a list of seven candidates.

Six people have already been interviewed for the post made vacant by the dismissal of Mike England four weeks ago and although Bob Paisley, aged 69, the former manager of Liverpool, has clearly been installed as the favourite to inherit the part-time but nevertheless demanding job, the indications are that there could be a dramatic last-minute change of heart before the WFA's full council meets in Cardiff tomorrow.

After admitting that an official approach had been made to Paisley in a London hotel late on Sunday afternoon, Alun Evans, the secretary of the WFA, intimated that a saga which began to unfold three weeks ago — after the refusal of the Nottingham Forest board of directors to ratify the appointment of their first choice, Brian Clough — may yet prove to have a sting in the tail.

Evans, a member of the three-man sub-committee set up to find a manager, confirmed that a "big name" — possibly an English first division manager — had been approached yesterday and that a meeting could well be imminent if the mystery man were to show interest.

"I do not think anyone can make the assumption that our next manager is going to be Bob Paisley," Evans said. "There is a name no one has come up with yet and it is a big name. There is a possibility that he could be interested.

"He has come into the picture late. I am not saying that he is a front runner but he is someone we would want to meet with if he were to become available."

Speculation was mounting within Welsh football circles last night that the WFA could well have made an audacious eleventh-hour attempt to secure the services of either Terry Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, or Don Howe, who is second in command to Bobby Gould at Wimbledon.

Evans revealed that Paisley's initial reaction to being asked whether he was interested in the post was to suggest that he was possibly too old to be considered. Evans said: "He himself said that he felt he may be too old but we explained what it was we wanted and put his mind at ease. He is not too old; we are not asking him to kick a ball.

"We pick a manager to select squads and determine tactics and we would not be asking him to do any more than that. Age does not come into it."

Bracewell injury jinx hits Everton again

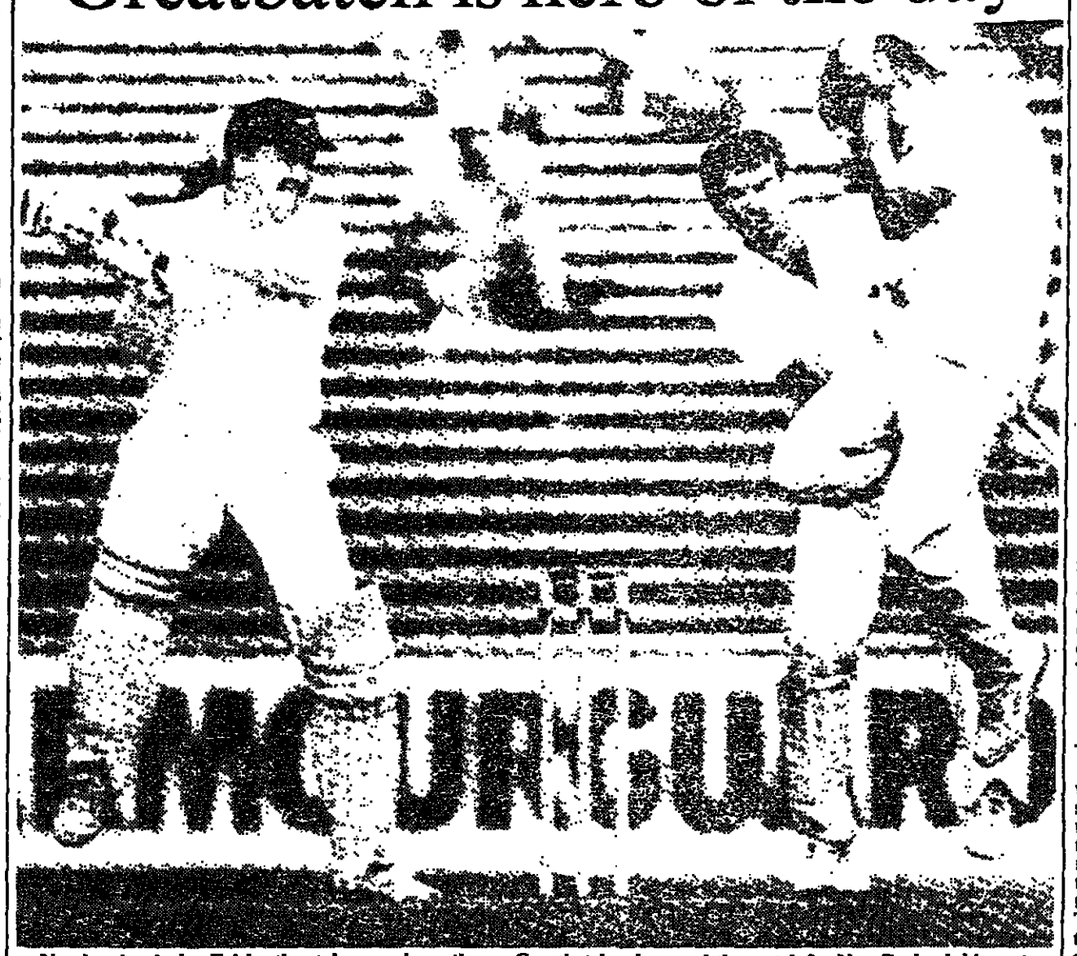
The prolonged agony of Paul Bracewell, of Everton, the England international midfield player, will resume this morning when he enters hospital for another operation on his damaged right ankle (Ian Ross writes).

Bracewell made his comeback after a 20-month lay-off a fortnight ago, after seemingly overcoming an injury which had threatened his career. However, after just two senior games — a Simod Cup tie against Luton Town and the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Arsenal — a specialist has decided he needs a sixth operation in less than two years, albeit on a different problem.

Everton officials were quick to allay fears that Bracewell's future was again in jeopardy, insisting that this latest injury, while on the same ankle, is in a different area of the foot.

"The specialist has seen a problem and will operate tomorrow. I would like to stress that it is absolutely nothing at all to do with the old problem and that his career is not in any danger," Terry Darracott, the Everton assistant manager, said.

Greatbatch is hero of the day



Nearly a headache: Fairbrother takes evasive action as Greatbatch, who saved the match for New Zealand, hits out

N Zealand change captains

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
Auckland

New Zealand last night dismissed their captain, Jeff Crowe, at the end of the drawn second Test match with England. John Wright has been promoted to lead them into the final Test, starting on Thursday.

Crowe's fate has been determined by his batting failures. In four innings during this series he has totalled only 40 runs. "Poor batting form has been his demise. Jeff has done a first-class job in the dressing-room and out on the field and he was judged purely as a batsman," the chairman of selectors, Don Neely, said.

Crowe, who has captained New Zealand in six Test matches, went out in bizarre fashion. While he was holding his post-Test press conference, denying all knowledge of having been dismissed, his team were being told of the change in their dressing-room.

Crowe left the conference in a state of pique after being repeatedly questioned about the sterile nature of this series. The personable Wright emerged to admit that he thought his chance of leading his country had gone.

New Zealand have selected a party of 13 for the Wellington Test, replacing Crowe with Robert Vance and the injured Richard Hadlee with the left-arm spinner, Stephen Boock.

TEAM (from): J G Wright (captain), T J Franklin, R H Vance, A H Jones, M D Crowe, M J Greatbatch, K R Rutherford, J G Bracewell, I D S Smith, M C Snedden, S L Boock, D K Morrison, E J Chatfield.

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Cup draw ensures London a place in Twickenham final

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

A London club has yet to win the John Player Special Cup but yesterday's semi-final draw ensured that, as in the last two years, one will be challenging for that honour in April. Wasps, the new favourites, were drawn at home against Harlequins, while Moseley will entertain Bristol. Both games will take place on March 26.

Moseley's representatives at Twickenham yesterday could not remember when, if ever, they had beaten Bristol away from home, so the bonus of playing at The Reddings was appreciated. The two clubs have met already this season, in the league but on the day of a divisional championship match, when Bristol emerged victors by 21-10 — for all the relevance that has to a cup tie.

Wasps and Harlequins have also played their league encounter, which took place on the day of England's trial in January, when Wasps were short of nine first-choice players yet still won 17-16. Since then, however, Harlequins have developed in coherence, notably in the cup, and both clubs anticipate a fluid game if conditions are good.

Wasps will make it an all-ticket match, and will hope to reach their 3,500 capacity. Greville Edwards, Moseley's commercial manager, is optimistic that there will be 7,000 people at The Reddings, having seen a crowd of 6,500 last Saturday when Moseley eased Bath, the holders, out of the competition. The respite of a month gives Moseley the chance to have Exeter and Allen fit once more to challenge for places in the centre while Barr, the flanker and captain, who missed the Bath match, should be available.

Moseley, in fact, made a miserable start to the year, when they were plagued by illness and injury. But they have not lost now for six weeks.

Bristol, too, will hope that two injured forwards will be fit by March 26. Collings, the No. 8, and Phillips, the tight-head prop, missed the cup win over Sale because of injuries. If Bristol are to reach their fourth final in what is their centenary season, then both Collings and Phillips will be keen to be part of it.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Wasps v Harlequins; Moseley v Bristol (to be played on March 26).

All-clear for Syddall

Jim Syddall, the Waterloo captain and former England lock forward, will not have his most recent dismissal as a permanent blot on his playing record (David Hands writes).

Syddall's case, following his dismissal in a club match against Coventry last month, was heard by the Lancashire disciplinary committee last Thursday and he was given clearance to play against Harlequins in the John Player Special Cup quarter-final last Saturday.

Lancashire admit it was an unusual occurrence and other disciplinary committees up and down the country will have raised an eyebrow that a player with two previous dismissals to his name should have this third instance effectively expunged from the records.

Brian Lee, secretary to the Lancashire disciplinary committee, said yesterday: "If the committee are of the opinion that the player should not have been sent off, we do not hold it against that player if he comes before us again. The committee was not convinced that he was guilty."

Full details of the hearing will go to the RFU.

Promoters may call in police

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Police may be called in to investigate the leak of a story about Mike Tyson signing to meet Frank Bruno in Dublin in September.

Kieron Murphy and Vince Heckman, two London promoters, who claim to have the world champion signed up in a £9 million deal, were angry yesterday that "an exclusive story" had been released by TV-am, and were threatening to call in the police to investigate whether someone had broken into their offices to "scupper" their plans.

"We had plans for a major announcement, and so we can only assume that either somebody has got into our offices or someone has broken the confidentiality," Heckman said. "We have already spoken to lawyers and it may well be that the police are called in. It was a very big shock to us. We have been sitting on the deal we have pulled off since February 9 because that's what we agreed with Tyson's managers."

The promoters are to hold a news conference tomorrow to announce their plans.

According to the report, which appeared first in the *The Sunday Times*, Tyson would be receiving £7 million and Bruno £2 million, and the bout would be held at Lansdowne Road, Dublin before a crowd of 55,000. Tickets would cost £100 and £200.

However, neither Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, nor ITV, which has British television rights of all of Tyson's contests, was able to confirm the reports. Lawless wanted to see Tyson's signature first.

Lawless said: "Until I see that I will remain sceptical. If he has signed I will gladly sit down at a table and talk about our side of the deal.

Two more Hearn players drop out

By Steve Acteson

Barry Hearn yesterday further escalated snooker's latest episode of Star Wars by withdrawing two more of his Matchroom players from the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association's (WPBSA) new 16-man singles tournament which will be held next December.

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, and the Irishman, Dennis Taylor, both of them former world champions, will instead join the reigning world champion, Steve Davis and the world No. 2, Jimmy White, in preparing for Hearn's eight-man World Matchplay Championship, which offers a record first prize of £100,000 and which he is staging in conjunction with Frank Warren and Mark McCormack. Hearn's event begins the day after the final of the WPBSA tournament.

Later this week ITV will decide which of the two new tournaments they will screen, but it will be a major surprise if they do not support the WPBSA.

John Virgo, the WPBSA chairman, said yesterday: "Barry Hearn is just cocking a snook at everything the WPBSA has been working at for years. If his players don't want to take part in the WPBSA event, it is up to them. But I feel they should realize their future lies with us. Hearn's kind of 8-man invitation tournament does not good for snooker, it's like going back to the old days of the closed shop."

Politics aside, there was even some snooker played yesterday at the MIM Britannia Unit Trusts British Open in Derby where, world No.56 ranked Irishman Joe O'Boye reached the last 16 or a ranking tournament for the second time this season by striking breaks of 34, 47, 32, 33, 53, 77 and 44 to beat Australia's John Campbell.

RESULTS: Fourth round: J O'Boye (Rep of Ire) bt J Campbell (Aus) 5-1. Frame scores (Campbell first): 61-71, 38-68, 69-20, 17-67, 1-130, 32-77.

W Thorne (Eng) bt C Wilson (Wales) 5-3. Frame scores (Thorne first) 84-25, 16-73, 2-98, 68-9, 67-54, 59-47, 39-55, 64-23. Sunday's late results: S Hendry (Scot) bt T Griffiths (Wal) 5-1. Frame Scores (Griffiths first): 51-74, 0-80, 64-46, 42-85, 5-78, 24-104. M Macleod (Scot) bt T Knowles (Eng) 5-4. Frame Scores (Knowles first): 65-62, 61-50, 76-41, 36-86, 68-31, 50-58, 47-57, 73-8, 48-69. Today's order of play: 2pm J Spencer (Eng) v R Williams (Eng); D O'Kane (NZ) v J Johnson (Eng). 7pm: J White (Eng) v G Wilkinson (Eng); N Foulds (Eng) v J Parrott (Eng).

● Stephen Hendry, potentially Britain's most marketable sporting teenager, yesterday signed a contract with the world's leading table and cue manufacturers, EJ Riley Ltd, worth £500,000 over the next five years.

Lucky draw for favourites

By Keith Macklin

The fates smiled kindly as Rugby League officials took the balls out of the bag last night for the semi-finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Halifax meet Hull, and Salford play Wigan, which means that Wigan and Halifax, the favourites, have been kept apart, and a cross-Pennine final is assured.

Thus, the luck of the draw provided everything officialdom could wish for. With the greatest respect to Hull and Salford, Wigan v Halifax at Wembley promises a bigger attendance than Hull v Salford, and if both semi-finals run to form, a Wembley sell-out would be assured.

The first semi-final to be played will be Salford v Wigan, which will take place at Burnden Park, Bolton, a week on Saturday. The Halifax-Hull tie will be played at Headingley a fortnight later.

Both Halifax and Wigan will be rubbing their hands, although Salford's victory over St Helens in the quarter-finals proved once again the foolishness of counting chickens in cup matches.

Hull have had a dreadful time recently, taking a 60-point hammering at St Helens, losing 32-28 at home to Swinton, and then having to overturn a 12-2 deficit to overcome Doncaster, the second division side, on Sunday.

Halifax are just running into their best form at the right time, and they outplayed Hull Kingston Rovers on Sunday after containing the Rovers in the teeth of a first-half gale. Salford are struggling against relegation, and many regard their victory over the Saints as a cup one-off. But at the moment, confidence at The Willows in high.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Saturday March 12: Salford v Wigan (at Bolton). Saturday March 26: Halifax v Hull (at Headingley).

Grand National competition

Tomorrow *The Times* presents a free competition with *two* exciting prizes — a luxury day for two at the Seagram Grand National for each of the winners — plus 25 bottles of Chivas Regal whisky for the runners-up.

SPORT IN BRIEF

McAuley title delay

A meeting of the World Boxing Association committee will consider tomorrow in Panama City Fidel Bassa's request for a further postponement of his world flyweight defence against Dave McAuley, scheduled to take place at the King's Hall, Belfast, on Saturday week.

The bout was originally due to be held on February 27 but Bassa was granted a two-weeks postponement because of a knee injury which he had sustained during his training programme.

Points appeal

Gosforth are set to appeal against losing three points for allegedly infringing Courage rugby union Clubs Championship eligibility rules. Gosforth maintain they were given clearance for the prop forward, Paul Flowers, for the match against Bedford in December.



Clark: bound for Dubai

East v West

Howard Clark will partner Sam Torrance against Rodger Davis and Graham Marsh, in a $150,000 East v West stroke-play challenge after a new $10 million golf course is opened in Dubai on March 8.

Blessing given

The northern division of the Rugby Football Union has given its backing to a charity match between a World XV and the North in September.

Stepping up

The top eight in the junior and intermediate English Schools' Girls' Milk Cross-Country Championships at Chesterfield on Saturday will earn an England vest for the British Schools' Milk International in Scotland on March 26.

New attack

Perigueux (AFP) — Another rugby union referee has been attacked in France. Georges Virouleau was head-butted after awarding a try in a junior match between St Astier and Montflanquin.

Diving in

Robert Morgan, a prospect for a diving medal at the Olympic Games, will compete for Britain at the Sun Life European Cup in Edinburgh from March 30 to April 2 hoping to build on his victory over a top-class field at Crystal Palace in December.

Ask supporters not to travel

The return to Europe by English clubs is a side issue but it could act as a catalyst. Our clubs should be readmitted as they have taken important steps, other countries want them back and they have by no means the worst hooligans in Europe.

If we do return supporters should be actively encouraged not to travel. A live closed-circuit television screening of the away leg at the English ground has been advocated by Tottenham Hotspur and was tested very successfully at last season's FA Cup tie between Wigan and Leeds. Such a plan might reduce the opportunity for trouble and benefit thousands of genuine supporters.

There are no easy or short term solutions to hooliganism. Only by provoking discussion rather than disquiet, as *The Times* has done last week, can solutions be found which offer our national game, in its centenary season, the prospect of a better future.

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